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COUNCIL ELECTION THIS SATURDAY

Altona's new shire councillor (to be elected on Saturday) will be sworn in at a special council meeting on Monday night.

Altona goes to the polls on Saturday for an extraordinary election to choose a councillor to succeed Cr. S. G. McIntosh who was killed in a highway smash late last month.

The candidates are Mr. Robert Harrison, of 40 Grieve Highway, the endorsed ALP candidate, and Mr. Harry Weaver, who lives at the corner of Queen Street and Millers Road. Mr. Weaver is the Ratepayers' candidate.

The poll is expected to be declared late Saturday night.

The winner will be sworn in at a special council meeting on Monday night. The meeting will be opened during the meeting of the council's general purposes committee.

The shire secretary, Mr. J. Waters said today "As Returning Officer, I have to report that arrangements are well in hand for the conduct of the Extraordinary Election.

"It is prudent at this stage to state that the roll which was in existence for the last election stays in force until August 1968 and must be used for this election.

"Any errors which were apparent then will be the same, of course — questions are being asked as to what can be done if one's name is not on the roll due to sale of property

or death or other reasons.

"Nothing can be done.

"Only persons whose names are inscribed on the roll can claim votes on that day.

"All votes in the various polling places will be sorted into three parcels — two for the candidates and one for informals.

"All parcels will be delivered to the central counting office in the Committee Room at the Civic Offices as soon as possible, and the duty of the Returning Officer will be to add all results together and declare the election on such results.

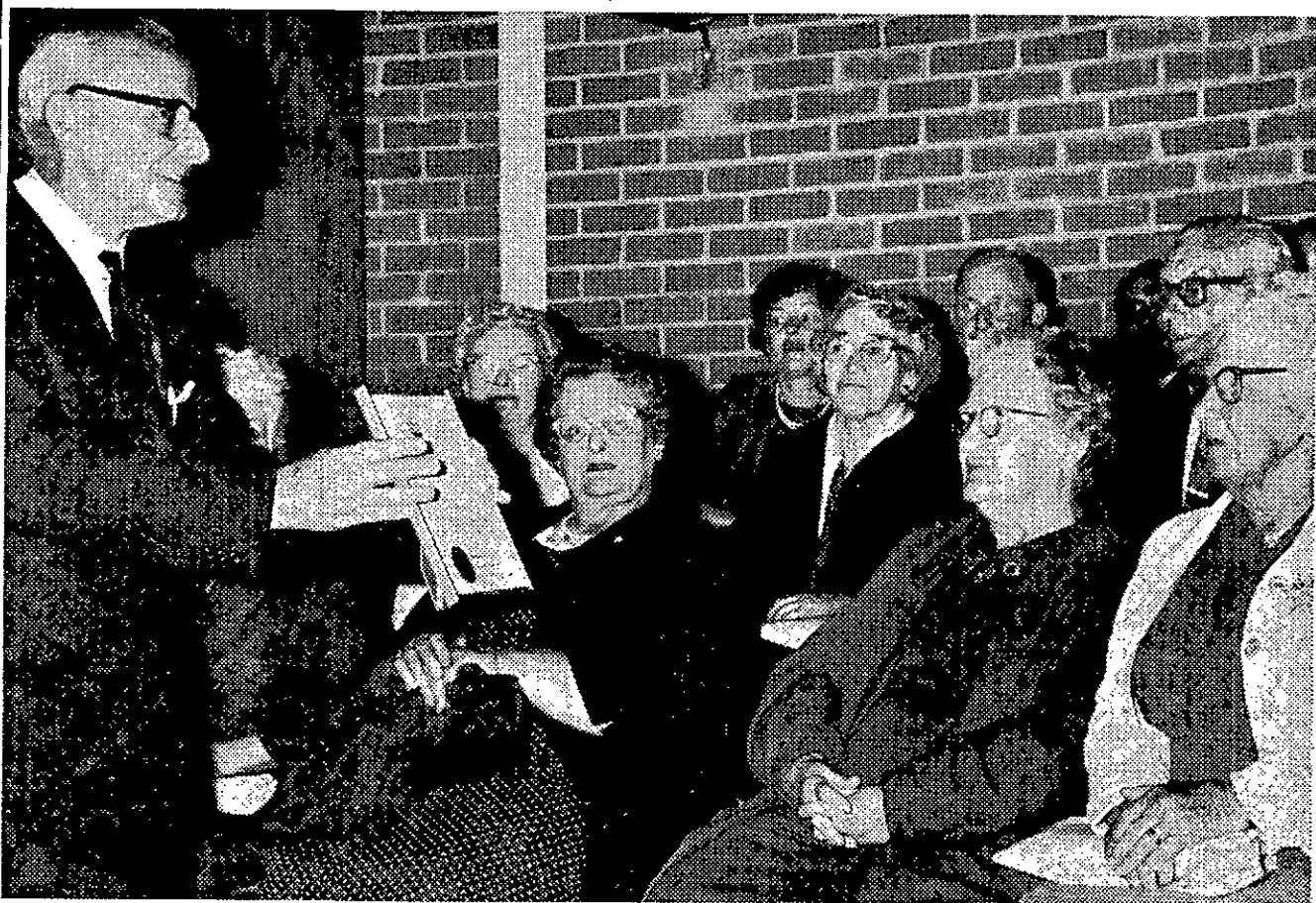
"It is anticipated that the declaration might be made at say 10.00 p.m. or very soon thereafter.

"The newly-elected Councillor will not be able to act in any way as a Councillor or attend Committee meetings for that matter until he has subscribed to the necessary Declarations.

"These can be administered by the Shire Secretary at any time — after declaration of the poll, or within three months thereafter."

(See advt. on Page 15 for list of polling booths.)

FIRST CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Altona's first citizenship award was presented to Mr. Barry Prismall, 72, of Millers-rd., Altona, at the shire council meeting on Monday night. Above he shows his award to friends in the gallery.

It is the highest honour in the shire. And it is the first time it has been awarded to any citizen.

Many were considered in the past, but according to the shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, no-one really stood out like Mr. Prismall.

This is to contain all the names of those who have received the highest honour in the shire.

Mr. Prismall's name is the first.

Cr. Lee said the vote for Mr. Prismall was unanimous in the council.

He said Mr. Prismall's name will be in the council chamber forever. "This name will go down in our history. His name will be recorded forever in our chamber."

He added "There is no finer man that could have received this award."

In his reply, Mr. Prismall said: "This was a great surprise to me.

"I did not think that this award would ever go to anyone, let alone me.

"I got hauled out of bed unceremoniously two weeks ago to be told of this. I must say I wept.

"Man does not live by bread alone.

"You live in the community and you must put something back into the community that gives you so much.

"I have joined every organisation I could, even when we here in Altona were the tag end of Werribee.

"I have been 41 years in Altona and I have never regretted it.

"I have made friends—a great many friends, and it is a pleasure and an honour to live among them.

"I am very proud that you have thought fit to confer this on me.

"In my illness of these past 12 months I have received nothing but kindness. It has given me something to fight for.

"Now I am on the mend, and please God, I hope to serve you more," Mr. Prismall concluded.

Mr. Prismall, one of the founders of the Altona Elderly Citizens' club, was presented with a citation and a replica of the councillor's own badge of office by Cr. Lee before more than 125 people in the council chamber.

Before the presentation he had the special honour of sitting in a chair beside the president for the opening of the meeting.

Mr. Prismall told the audience of well-wishers that Cr. Lee "dragged him out of bed" two weeks ago to tell him over the telephone that he had been given the award.

"I must say that I wept," he said.

The crowd of wellwishers overflowed the council chamber's public gallery. Most were members of the elderly citizens' club.

They clapped and gave encouraging remarks right through the simple and moving ceremony.

Crs. G. den Dulk and Bond first spoke of Mr. Prismall's untiring and unstinted efforts in the community.

They said it was an honour to know the man, and he would be long remembered in Altona.

Cr. Lee said that the large number of people in the public gallery in itself showed how right the council was in choosing this man for the first award.

Besides the citation and the medallion, Mr. Prismall's name has been engraved on a plaque that hangs in the council chamber.

SHIRE AWARD TO DANCER

A tiny tot in a bright red kilt was presented with a shire Certificate of Merit in the council chamber last Monday night.

Six-year-old Anne Patricia Heriot of Karingal St., Altona West, gave a shy curtsy as she received the framed award from Mr. Barry Prismall, 72, who was also honoured in another ceremony minutes before.

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, gave the award to Mr. Prismall to present, saying it was fitting that the oldest should give to the youngest.

Anne, a pupil at Altona West State school, was awarded the certificate because she became the Victorian under eight highland dancing champion at the State highland dancing titles.

Mr. Heriot, an S.E.C. electrical engineer, told the meeting that Anne was "a very proud little girl." He said she was very pleased when she received a letter in her own name but the presentation that night was pleasing her even more.

When he presented the certificate, Mr. Prismall admitted that he too, had once been a highland dancer.

"When I was your age, my dear," he said, "I learned highland dancing too.

"But I was hopeless. Yes, I fell over my own two feet.

"But you have done so much better, and I have so much pleasure in presenting you with this certificate."



Six-year-old Anne Heriot proudly holds her Certificate of Merit as she stands with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Heriot, and her 10-year-old sister Kay, who is also a highland dancer.

EDITORIAL

One Thing Necessary

It is of great importance that ratepayers should carefully choose the next councillor for Altona.

Primarily this because we always need the best for Altona—and also because on party lines the new man will be the balance of power.

But another aspect is important enough to be the one thing necessary.

That is that the aggregate number of votes cast on Saturday should be a credit and not a discredit to Altona.

We can do far better in this regard than in any of our past elections.

The polling booths are quite accessible, the voting procedure is as simple as it can be. The issues are such as should be of interest to every citizen.

For practically all ratepayers it is easy to cast a valid vote, those who don't (without good reason) are poor advertisement for Altona.

In this every ratepayer has an added responsibility. Not only must he or she vote, but any known non-voter should be urged to his duty.



ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 —

BOWLS PRESENTATION NIGHT AND SOCIAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 —

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, AT 8 P.M. —

OUTDOOR BOWLING GREENS

General Meeting of all those interested.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 —

CHRISTMAS PARTY DANCE

\$7,000 Raised in 7 years

The donation of \$7,000 in seven years to the Chislon Spastic Centre is the wonderful achievement of a small band of enthusiastic women — the Altona Spastic Aid Committee.

With a total membership of no more than eight or nine at the one time these ladies raise funds by running small social functions and street stalls.

The committee's latest cheque which brought the total to \$7,000 was handed to Mrs. Andrews of Chislon at the group's final meeting of the year held last Tuesday afternoon in the home of their president, Mrs. Testa.

Not included in this money are funds raised each year by the sale of forget-me-knots and raffle tickets for the annual Christmas stocking raffle. This year's committee members sold nearly \$100 worth of the tiny flowers and raffle tickets valued at \$236.

Mrs. L. Oakes, secretary of the group since its inception, has expressed her appreciation to all who have assisted in making 1967 such a financial success for the committee.

The group is particularly appreciative to the Management of the Youth Club Hall who allowed the committee to use this hall once a month for a social evening.

The last of these evenings for 1967, held late in November, was also the Christmas break-up for the committee.

More prizes than usual were provided and a special supper served. Senior member, Mrs. M. R. Shields, cut the Christmas cake and Wayne Oakes played Christmas carols on his accordion.

Activities for 1968 will commence on Tuesday, February 13, with a meeting in the Homestead, 128 Queen Street. New members would be welcome. If further information is required ring 398 1138.

"IF NO ONE DRANK ALCOHOL . . ."

"If no one drank alcoholic liquor in Victoria from December 20 to January 20, the number of road deaths and injuries would be less than half," said Mr. F. A. Marriott, manager of the National Safety Council of Australia, Victorian Division.

"It is during this holiday period that more people are killed and injured than at any other time of the year.

"However, few people will go without alcohol but with that thought in mind it should do something to make some of us more sensible at Christmas and New Year. Every year some person or persons are killed before they even commence their holiday.

"Drivers of cars must remember that they have a grave responsibility because when an accident occurs, quite often at least one of his passengers is killed or seriously injured.

"No one will ever convince me," said Mr. Marriott, "that a car is as safe in the hands of a driver who has been celebrating as against someone who is cold stone sober.

"The tragedy of it all is that in most cases an innocent person is killed and the drunken driver gets away with his own life."

Mr. Marriott concluded: "Let us as a community combine this Christmas and have a sensible and happy holiday as against having 40 or 50 of our people slaughtered on the roads."

TENNIS POPULAR WITH CHILDREN

Many young Altona boys and girls have learned to play tennis in the last twelve months.

Those who have practised have been admitted to junior teams and are doing well.

Newcomers to the ranks of pennant tennis include Beverly Colvin, Denise and Graham Crofts, Lesley Hyde, Yvette Robertson, Jane Young, Charles Sutton and Alan Findlay.

Unfortunately some juniors who showed promise and were on the way to competition standard were too impatient and stopped playing.

Many who have learned in previous years have gone on to top junior and senior competition.

Some making good progress in the present junior coaching class are Greg Rowe, Greg Browne, Annette Kempt, Regina Roehm, Leanne Webb, Noeline Colvin and Maxine Keown.

Three older pupils starring in teams are Helen Shields, Susan Keown and Bev Sandilands.

The retirement this year of Mrs. Linda Findlay from manager of the junior members of the Altona Tennis Club and Mr. Charles Trickey from the position of club secretary was, in view of their splendid work, greatly to be regretted.

Their places have been taken over by David White (secretary) and Graham Russell and although still new to the jobs they are both doing well.

The last coaching class of the year will be next Sunday, December 17.

Classes will recommence at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 12.

Christmas Services at St. Eanswythe's

Sunday December 17, 7 p.m. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

Sunday December 24 — NO EVENSING THIS NIGHT (8.00 and 9.30 services as usual).

11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib.

Monday, December 25 — 8.00 Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion. 11.00 Holy Communion (Altona Hostel).

Tuesday December 26: St. Stephen's Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Wednesday December 27: St. John the Evangelist's Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

The mid-week Holy Communion services apart from Holy Days will be suspended from Christmas until the first week in February.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

PLEASE NOTE: NO ISSUES OF THE "ALTONA STAR" ON DECEMBER 28 and JANUARY 4.

First issue in the New Year will be January 11. Copy for the first issue may be left at the office from January 4.

Church Notices



BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings. Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service. Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Confessions.

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P. Rev. Father M. Kelleher, Father V. Rubeo.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays: 8 a.m.

Confessions. Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m. Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions. Saturday: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P. Rev. Father M. Sultana, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason St., Altona North. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays). 7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School. Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

St. Clement's

Goble Street, Laverton.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Parish Eucharist.

First Sunday in the month: Family Service. VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

St. Luke's CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. Sunday School (primary): 1 a.m.

Junior Group (secondary): Tuesdays, 4.15 p.m. VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

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25 The Broadway, Altona

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MINISTER—Pastor H. Blasted. Telephone 391-2609.

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship. MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton 3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 11.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Young Church (children leave for graded Sunday lessons after opening Worship).

10.30 a.m.: Divine Worship. 11.30 a.m.: Senior Youth Christian Education Group.

7.45 p.m.: Adult Christian Education and Intercessory Prayer Group.

MINISTER—Rev. John Hayse, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service. League of Young Workers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A. D. The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting. 9.30 a.m.: Sunday School. Combined Sunday School at Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting. Queen Street Hall. 7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting. Queen Street Hall.

Tuesday. 2 p.m.: Bible Study Class.

Wednesday. 3.30 p.m.: Children's Church (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday. 2 p.m.: Women's Home League. Captain Ada E. Warhurst, telephone 398-1750.



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

"ZURIKA — THE GYPSY MAID"

Altona Primary School's performance of the operetta "Zurika The Gypsy Maid" was most attractive.

On two evenings last week the Civic Hall was filled with an appreciative audience.

This was the second production presented by the school and it is hoped they will continue as annual events.

Participation by as many senior students as possible is sought.

Thus this year over 170 children appeared on the stage in the specialty items or in the operetta.

As well other children assisted off the stage.

Those on the stage — in solo parts, in dancing or choruses—had one thing in common, they lived their parts.

They all did their best.

The folk dancing, and dance of the Anaconda were all well received.

In the operetta the careful training of the pupils showed off in every child.

It was play acting but thoroughly enjoyable to every participant and member of the audience.

Among the audience were the Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee and Mrs. Lee and Cr. D. K. Grant and Mrs. Grant.

Cr. Lee spoke briefly and warmly in extending congratulations.

GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS RETURNS

The most successful entertainment presented in Australia in the past twenty years or more, was the tour of The Great Moscow Circus in 1965.

This fabulous attraction which was presented by Edgley and Dawe, J. C. Williamson Theatres Limited and Bullen Brothers Pty. Ltd., played in the then largest tent in Australia, with a capacity of 4,500 seats, with not only capacity houses for every performance in every Capital city, but also with attraction played, where the attraction played, but also with anything up to a thousand or more patrons who could not get into see the show.

In view of this the management have constructed a new Big Top, not only the largest in Australia, but one of the largest in the world, which will have a seating capacity of 5500 seats, when the new Great Moscow Circus of 1968 plays throughout Australia early next year.

In the Soviet Union there are anything up to fifty odd circus companies playing continuously and with training, so creating fresh pools of talent, with the artists rotating from circus to circus. But the greatest of all of the circuses in that country, is of course, the Great Moscow Circus, which only presents the greatest of the circus acts and performers.

The New Moscow Circus of 1968 will therefore, be completely new, with all fresh talent never before seen in this country and a company of hundreds.

The Great Moscow Circus' Melbourne season will be from Wednesday, 28th February to Saturday, 23rd March — a brief 22 days and the bigger new big top will once again be located on Batman Avenue.

SEVEN STUDENTS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven students from Altona North High and five from Altona High have been awarded Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships valued at \$400 for the two years study at leaving and matriculation level.

Successful 4th formers at Altona North were:

Thomas HELLER, James DOWNES, Adele STACHIW, Marilyn LEIGHTON, Shirley HAYES, Danuta KIELTYKA and Ann PUCE.

From Altona High the scholarships were awarded to Alan BOYD, Christopher HAYSOM, Linda JOINER, Carol McDONALD, and Vera THOMPSON.

SEAHOLME SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Seaholme State School held their luncheon on Monday, December 11.

Mr. Antonhoff was presented with a gold wristlet watch from the School Committee and the Mothers' Club, after being with the school for 13 years.

A presentation was also made to Mrs. Broderick.

We wish both these teachers well in their new school at Altona West.

Conder-Skuse Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Conder of Queen Street, Altona, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter Christine, to Frank Eric, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Skuse of Duncombe Avenue, Glen Waverley.

MUSIC SOCIETY BREAK-UP

The Altona Music Society will hold their Annual Christmas break-up at the Civic Centre next Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m.

All members and friends of members are cordially invited to attend. Please bring a plate. Tea, coffee and drinks provided.

The Altona Accordion band, pop group Theory and guitar band have finished activities for the year and will resume their normal classes the first week in February.

The committee of the Altona Music Society is looking forward to welcoming all members and friends next Saturday. So please come along.

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ALTONA DRAMA GROUP BREAK-UP

On Sunday last, the Altona Drama Group held its Christmas Break-up in the form of a mystery car rally.

After much care by each navigator all cars reached the destination — Gisborne, although one car travelled 67 miles for the journey!

Eventual place-getters were: 1st: Mr. Les Marsh. Equal 2nd: Arthur Kent and Gerald Overton.

After a delightful picnic luncheon, members cooled off in the local swimming pool, completing another successful Altona Drama Club function.

MISS VICTORIA TO VISIT "CINDERS"

Miss Victoria, Miss Dianne Gunn, will visit the performance of "Cinderella" on Tuesday, December 19, as special guest of the Altona Drama Group.

A party of twenty children from the "Chis-Lon Day Centre" will be special guests at the Monday Performance.

If it brings a moment of magic to the children, the members of the Altona Drama Group will say all the rehearsing has been really worthwhile.

The special effects, the costumes, the dance routines, the singing practice are all part of the hard work they have put in these last few weeks to bring to Altona its very first amateur Pantomime — they want them to enjoy a night of "live entertainment." They want you to have the pleasure of their enjoyment so don't disappoint them, bring them along to the Civic Hall on either Monday or Tuesday night 18th or 19th December at 7.30 p.m.

It won't be a late night — but do make sure you have tickets — they are available from the Altona Toyland (perhaps the lady behind the counter is really Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, who knows).

Former Resident Settles in

Friends of Mrs. Daisy Smith, formerly of Millers Road, Altona, will be pleased to learn she is well settled in at St. Margaret's, 58 Cochrane Street, Nth. Brighton.

Altona friends who recently visited her said she is eager to hear news of Altona.

PERMISSION TO SELL TICKETS

Radio station 3AW has been given permission by the Shire council to sell raffle tickets in Altona during the months January to April for its appeal to help finance the rebuilding of the Royal Women's Hospital.

There will be no doorknocks. Shire council policy forbids doorknocks.

BABY CONTEST ON AGAIN

The Sun newspaper has again been given permission by the shire council to run its Summer Baby contest on the beach at Altona.

It will be between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3.

There will be a small area enclosed so that the babies' pictures may be taken.

Farewell to Presbyterian Minister

The Altona Presbyterian Church Social on Friday night will be used as an occasion to farewell a beloved and esteemed minister, Rev. John Haysey and family.

Mr. Haysey has accepted call to the Mentone congregation and will commence a ministry there in February.

Mr. Haysey has been in Altona for three years and has worked tirelessly, not only in church, but in community interests also.

Being a family social almost every family will be there to join together in fellowship and to farewell the Hayseys.

Newcastle Visitor Here for Six Weeks

Holidaying in Melbourne for six weeks is Mr. Keith Jeffrey from Wallsend, Newcastle.

He is spending his time between the home of his daughter, Melva (Mrs. Harold Hansen) of Box Hill, and his son Mr. Stan Jeffrey of Bayview Street, Altona.

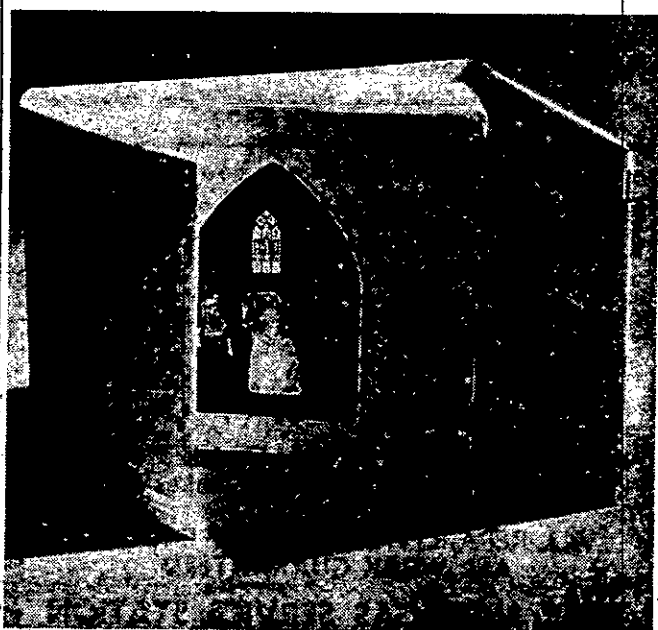
Mr. Jeffrey, a retired policeman, lived for many years in Goulburn, N.S.W.

MOTHERS' CLUB PRESIDENT RETIRES

In appreciation of her work for the Altona West Primary School Mothers' Club, members presented a wall mirror to their recently retired president, Mrs. E. Nevitt of Harrington Street, at the club's last meeting of the year held last week.

New president is Mrs. S. Haining.

The special Christmas effort by the group has been finalised and the doll was won by Mrs. E. Flatz, Galvin Street, Altona.



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Launch of Destroyer Escort at Williamstown

Next Saturday, December 16, at approximately 1-15 p.m. a new destroyer escort will be launched at H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Williamstown, by Mrs. Allen Fairhall, wife of the Minister for Defence, The Honourable Allen Fairhall, M.H.R.

This ship will be named the SWAN, and as ships of the Royal Australian Navy carry the battle honours of previous ships of the same name which have served in the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Navy, she will have battle honours dating back more than 300 years.

The SWAN has 30 known predecessors, dating back to a ballinger or galley built in 1417 as a tender to the TRINITY ROYAL, a "great ship" built in the previous year for Henry V. The forthcoming launch will thus continue a Naval tradition extending back 550 years.

Two ships of the name sailed with Sir Francis Drake. One, commanded by his brother, John Drake, took part in the sacking of Nombre de Dios in 1572.

Another accompanied the expedition which captured Cadiz in 1596, a victory which is perpetuated in the battle honours of the present ship.

Ships of the name served both the Royalist and the Parliamentary Cause during the Civil War which ended in the execution of Charles I.

SWANN, a "fifth rate" of 300 tons and 22 guns, saw action in 1653 against the Dutch, led by the redoubtable Admiral Van Tromp. The English Fleet scored a resounding victory off the mouth of the Thames near a shoal known as "The Gabbard." This victory is also perpetuated in the battle honours of the present ship. Her predecessor, under the command of one "Th. Wilkes" reported the action at Harwich on June 9, 1653, advising the arrival of 10 or 12 prizes and about 1300 prisoners, before returning on patrol between Newcastle and Harwich.

There have been two previous ships of the Royal Australian Navy to bear the name SWAN.

The first of these was a River Class Destroyer built at Cockatoo Dockyard in 1915-16. After commissioning on August 16, 1916, H.M.A.S. SWAN was one of a number of ships on patrol to maintain a British blockade in Far Eastern Waters.

In July, 1917, H.M.A. Ships SWAN, HUON and TORRENS joined the WARREGO, PARRAMATTA and YARRA at Cocos Island, forming an Australian Destroyer Flotilla under the command of Commander W. H. Warren, Royal Navy, for service in the Mediterranean.

The SWAN and her sister ships eventually became part of an anti-submarine force of more than 200 vessels, being absorbed into the Fifth British Destroyer Flotilla.

On October 2, 1918, the SWAN took part in the bombardment of Durazzo on the Albanian Coast in combination with Italian, British, French, American and other Australian Forces.

In December, 1918, SWAN and a French destroyer carried out a mission of inquiry at the anti-Bolshevik headquarters on the River Don, a sudden breakthrough by Bolshevik forces causing the abandonment of the investigation.

The Ataman as locally elected Viceroy presented the captain of the SWAN, Commander A. G. H. Bond, with the Order of St. Vladimir, and decorated other officers with the Order of St. Anne Second Class.

The SWAN paid off for disposal at Sydney on May 15, 1928, being broken as scrap in 1930 at Cockatoo Dockyard where she was built.

Her successor in the Royal Australian Navy was also built at Cockatoo Dockyard from where she was commissioned on January 21, 1937. She was a sloop of 1060 tons, fitted with three 4in. guns and four three-pounders.

On the outbreak of war in September, 1939, she was fitted for minesweeping and became the leader of the Twentieth Minesweeping Flotilla which, in November, 1940, swept the first enemy mines laid by the German auxiliary minelayer PASSAT in Bass Strait.

Subsequently in 1940-41 she swept other fields laid by the PASSAT and those laid by the

German auxiliary cruiser PEN-GUIN off Newcastle, Hobart and in the Spencer Gulf.

In January, 1942, the SWAN came under enemy bomber attack whilst evacuating civilians from Amboina in the Moluccas. She was later damaged during the raid on Darwin in February, 1942 (when she lost three killed and 19 wounded).

After repairs she carried out a series of bombardments in New Britain and New Guinea between August, 1944, and May, 1945, when she joined other forces to cover the landing of the Australian Sixth Division at Wewak.

She was employed on vital mine clearance operations after the war before paying-off in August, 1950, to re-commission

in 1954 as a training ship, in which role she served until paying-off for disposal on September 20, 1962.

The ship to be launched on Dec. 16 is a Destroyer Escort of 2300 tons. She will be armed with a twin 4.5in. turret, SEACAT guided anti-aircraft missiles, and the IKARA anti-submarine guided weapon system. Her main propulsion system is geared steam turbines driving two propeller shafts. Her weapon fire control systems will be the most modern of their type in the world today.

Photographs show the hull during the erection of her prefabricated bow section, the last unit to be placed in position prior to launch.

As large number are expected to be present to witness this historical ceremony, special provision is being made both on Nelson Pier and Dockyard Pier for members of the public. The gates will be opened at noon and the railways have been requested to provide additional services to Williamstown Pier station.

ATHLETICS ST. MARY'S LITTLE

Winners for Saturday, December 12 are as follows:—

Girls 70 Mtrs. —
R. Sweeney, L. Boyle, L. Ward, S. Sanfilippo, H. Arnold.

Boys 70 Mtrs. —
D. Craig.

Boys 800 Mtrs. —
F. Broadley.

Special mention for Francis — what a tremendous run in the 800 metres.

Our competitors for Geelong on Sunday were:—

Girls —
C. Williams, S. Weeney, L. Rose, J. O'Connor.

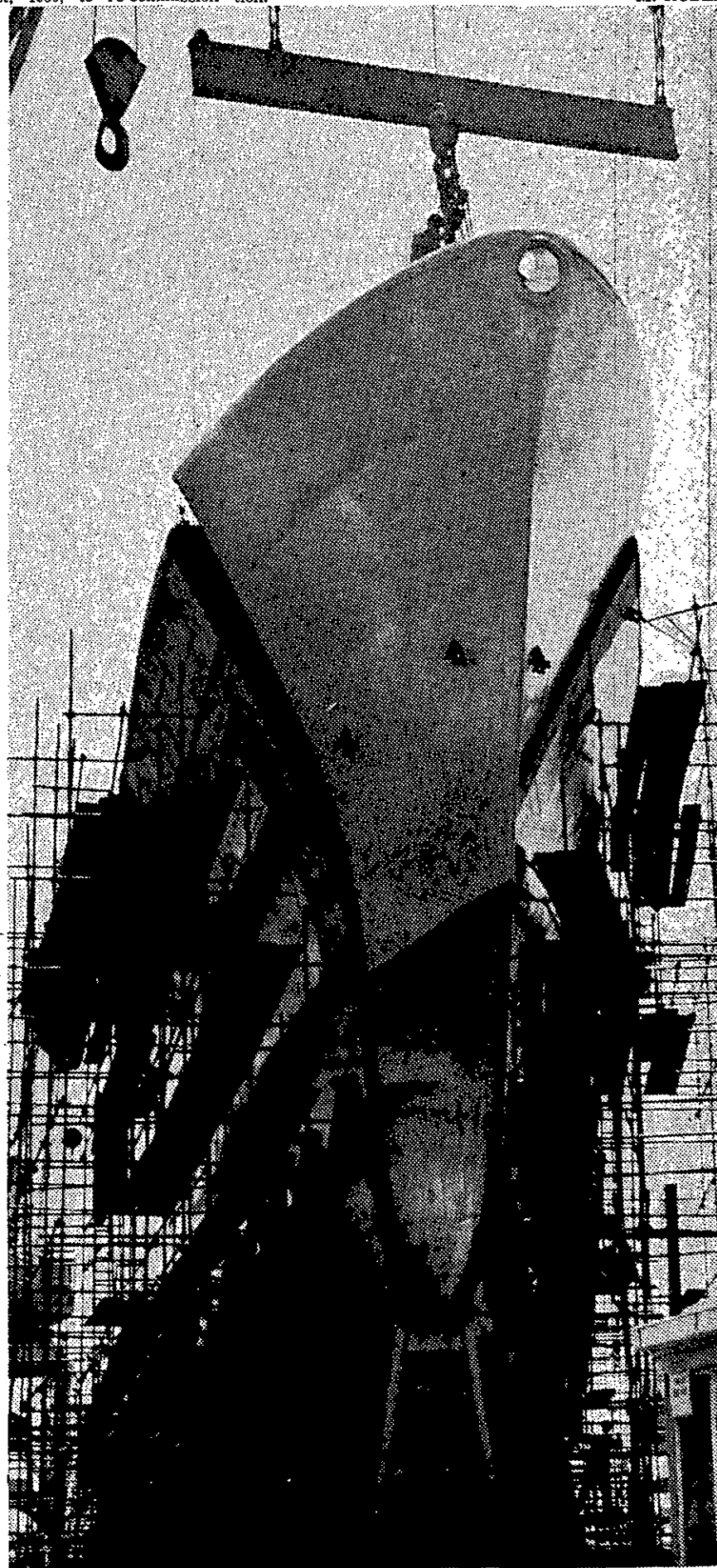
Boys —
G. Sullivan, N. Davies, S. Faulds, B. Burnett, M. Quinn and R. Magnabosco.

These children really put up a good effort for the Williamstown Centre. Congratulations children!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,
As a former resident of one of the original five houses at Paisley I will always call the area by that name.
Would Mr. Small like to re-name Seaholme station too? Altona South maybe?

Yours sincerely,
M. ROBERTSON.



Correspondents' Views

Dear Sir,

I am particularly concerned to notice in the last issue of the "Star" suggestions that ALP candidates for municipal positions have been selected on the basis of their sporting ability, membership of organisation, etc., as it is all too apparent that candidates from all parties have exhibited this characteristic in the recent past.

While I cannot deny that I too am a sportsman, I believe that activities of this nature build sound character, self reliance and a sense of fair play which is certainly important in our world today, and because of this belief, I will certainly do all in my power to provide, build or organise proper facilities for the youth in Altona to take part in any sport they choose.

However, this is only part of the main function of life which is to provide a proper standard of living for one's own family and those around us.

My chosen career is in the field of supply and administration with a particularly well managed large national manufacturing company where I have the responsibility for purchases of goods and services valued slightly in excess of \$16,000,000 per year. This is a great responsibility and indeed my living depends very much on remaining successful in administering this function.

I offer to all Altona electors the administrative experience gained in this position supported by professional managerial qualification, which I feel will meet the needs of the exacting honorary position of shire councillor.

My nomination was put forward only when I was completely satisfied that I could properly serve the interests of all Altona people without fear, favour or self interest. My aim is to maintain in this community an increasing standard of services at minimum cost. This is a realistic aim based on the fact of last years surplus of shire revenue over expenditure.

I trust that the foregoing will enable my fellow citizens to obtain a fair and balanced view towards the ultimate result of this election.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT F. HARRISON.

Dear Sir,

The letter of Mr. Mildenhall in your columns of the "Star" of Dec. 7 apparently expounding "anti-Labor group" propaganda and designed to further the "fear campaign" initiated by this group at the last council elections must be answered.

Firstly the "financial mess" he speaks about is nothing but a "myth" created by the organised group he evidently supports—evidence of this was published in the daily papers some couple of weeks back, when reference was made to the financial difficulties being experienced by most councils in the metropolitan area, and pointed out that Altona was in the position of having a surplus.

Mr. Mildenhall gives credit to the "group councillors" for bringing this about, but let's have the facts straight.

This was brought about by the planning of the Labor councillors, and it necessitated a rate rise, naturally such a decision was not popular, but the Labor councillors had the courage to carry out such a decision, and have been commended by councillors from many other municipalities, in fact the natural conclusion if one believed the propaganda, would be to assume that municipalities were immune from increases in costs of materials, etc., that are a day to day occurrence throughout the country.

So Mr. Mildenhall, for you to assume that the credit is due to your "group councillors" is also a myth, for they had not been in council when this decision was taken.

As for the remarks about the candidates business training, Mr. Harrison is answering those remarks himself.

Finally in answer to the "political bureaucracy in our affairs" comment, evidently the writer is unaware of the support given to the "Independent Group" by members of recognised political parties, this is one thing we of the Australian Labor Party quite openly declare.

Yours respectfully,

G. F. STIRLING.

Dear Sir,

I have been honoured by many ratepayers requesting that I submit myself as a candidate for election to the shire council, Altona, at Saturday's extraordinary election.

A statement of my allegiance to this municipality and of my community standing was stated in this paper last week.

During the short campaign I felt encouraged by the reception, and I thank the ratepayers for their courtesy and willingness to listen.

With the present revaluation now taking place within the shire, the ratepayers could be called upon to carry a heavier burden in rate payments. This would have been avoided had control of spending been introduced earlier. I believe this control has been introduced through the influence of the Ratepayer councillors.

I therefore pledge my support to lower the rate within the shire and again make Altona a place in which to live and work.

This election is therefore vital, because you, the electors, will be deciding whether you want a lower rate.

I also wish to take this opportunity of stating clearly and unmistakably, that I do not belong to, nor am I affiliated with, in any way whatsoever, any political party, in spite of what my opponents may state.

Yours faithfully,

H. WEAVER.

Dear Sir,

So Geoffrey Cresser was disappointed that the shire's financial position was not published in the "Star".

He would have been doubly so if the "Star" had printed it, for it was clear that the surplus of \$33,221 would never have been achieved but for the sharp lesson given by the council by the Ratepayers.

It was only achieved because of budgetary control introduced in October 1966 after a Ratepayer councillor had revealed the disastrous trend in our finances, and Cr. Crofts appointed chairman of the Finance Committee.

What happened to budgetary control during the previous seven years. Did the Labor councillors know where they were going? Or what they were doing during this period when they were in complete control and unopposed? It is hoped that the Ratepayers will give them a further nudge toward financial reform on Saturday, December 16.

Yours faithfully,

H. V. JEAVONS.

Dear Sir,

On the weekend I visited a dance being run in Meeniyan (20 miles from Foster) and found there is a lesson to be learnt by those who tried to start up a regular dance in Altona.

The regular Saturday night dance there has been running for 28 years and the dance organisers challenge anyone to beat their record. They say other systems of running a regular dance in many surrounding towns have failed. One has only to ask some of the hundreds in attendance to find they come 30 to 40 miles to the dance.

And how is it run? All the clubs and committees in Meeniyan have a part in the dance—from sports clubs, hospital committees, to ladies auxiliaries—and each week it is up to one of these groups to arrange for the entertainment, supper and supervision. The dances are arranged at least a month in advance and there is a special committee simply for the dance. All the groups must inform the committee if they have any difficulty as to entertainment, etc., and the committee helps out. The group running the dance receives the profits from that dance and the next week another group does likewise.

I believe this system could come into use in Altona if there was a better co-operation among clubs and groups. The Altona Music Society tried to run a regular dance but failed because other organisations were not drawn into it. They were not informed that the dances were raising funds for a proper hall being held for their benefit in Altona—a hall all clubs could use. Only with the help of the people can such a venture succeed.

Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM GRIFFITHS.

Dear Sir,

It is with considerable concern that I read in last week's edition of the "Altona Star" the council's alarm at the excessive use of the Civic Hall by clubs and societies throughout the municipality, with particular reference to the Altona Drama Group. It leads me to ask two questions—

1.—Is the council really sincere in its desire to foster culture in the shire?

2.—For what purpose was the Civic Hall built if not for the use of the public?

To my certain knowledge the Altona Drama Group does not have the use of the Civic Hall every Monday night, if the hall is to be let or used for any other purpose, the Drama Group stands down. This has been the case on several occasions and even occurred at the time of the Group's last production when the play had to be transferred at the last minute to another location.

I am very surprised, even shocked, at this turn of events, as I was given the impression, verbally, by some members of the council that they were pleased that the hall was being used more frequently than it has been in the past.

The Drama Group is as much as anyone, if not more so, trying to give Altona something of intrinsic value, the implications of which are perhaps more widespread than is at first realised. The council has asked "How can we attract more teachers to our high schools?" Several Drama Group members are teachers or trainee teachers, this then is one answer. Several members are teenagers, here again the Drama Group fills another need. Self discipline and responsibility towards others, development of self confidence, expression of artistic ability in painting, handicrafts and trade skills, all come within the scope of dramatic training.

The aim of the Drama Group is to present in Altona high quality entertainment, in the form of drama, desirably at a moderate cost to the customer, and in an accessible location. Together with its sister societies, in music, films and the municipal band, the Civic Hall could become the cultural centre of the shire, but not if the council is going to be so short-sighted as to restrict the use of this hall.

Currently the Drama Group is rehearsing a pantomime, the first in Altona, incorporating members of the Music Society and the Altona Square Dancing Group. This integrating of various societies is in itself a step forward in what I understand to be the council's aim, encouraging the development not only of the land but of the people of our shire.

The spirit of co-operation engendered during the Arts Festival, the interest and support given by the people must be nurtured and allowed to grow, not nipped in the bud.

Yours sincerely,

GWLADYS WINFIELD.

Dear Sir,

On Saturday, December 16, voters will have to choose wisely to elect a new councillor.

With two applicants vying for honours (there was almost three, as on my way down to nominate my attention was drawn to the corrected notice in the "Star") voting will be easy.

The balance of power will be held by the new councillor, whoever he may be, who will need to be a man of integrity and wisdom.

It cannot be denied that in Victoria, few, if any shires can equal the progress made by Altona.

With Altona's cosmopolitan makeup consisting mainly of the lower income group, it is to be hoped that policies which will benefit these people will continue to be fostered and expanded further.

It is well known what happens to members of the ALP when they buck the party machine on matters which conflict with party policy. It then becomes time to examine their conscience and decide if they are for Altona, or the party.

Similarly it is to be hoped that the so-called "Ratepayers Group" will not seek to misuse their power, but will work for the continued prosperity and future of Altona and its citizens.

Yours faithfully,

K. L. BERRIE.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Geoffrey Cresser rebukes the "Altona Star" for not publishing the news of the surplus in the council's accounts for the last financial year.

However he himself is guilty of a serious omission, obviously for political reasons, in that he neglected to mention that Cr. Les Crofts, a non-Labor councillor, was chairman of the Finance Committee which achieved this surplus. He also failed to point out that the surplus would have been even greater had the rate remained at the 14c in the \$1 agreed upon by Labor caucus.

Thus not only was Cr. Crofts responsible for having the rate established at the lower figure of 13.5c, but he was able through his leadership of the Finance Committee to end the year with a surplus of \$25,000.

This should be contrasted with the previous years when under complete Labor control, a succession of deficits built up an overdraft of \$115,000. Despite the present surplus, \$90,000 of this overdraft remains, so that careful budgeting will be required over the next few years to write off this accumulated deficit. Thus to ensure financial stability in the shire, vote for Harry Weaver, the Ratepayer's candidate, at Saturday's election.

Yours faithfully,

A. S. WRIGHT.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the secretary of the Young Democratic Labor Association, Mr. Paul A. Walsh, it is quite true that Australia and America did not sign the Geneva Convention, however they did ratify the treaty and stated that they would not attempt to disrupt it or violate its conditions.

Merely because we did not sign it does that mean we refuse to abide by it? To the best of my knowledge Australia personally did not sign the peace treaty after World War I, II and Korea, but does that mean that we don't have to abide by the treaties?

There is far more substantial evidence that America and the neo-Fascist dictatorships of Sih, Viet Nam violated the agreement years before North Vietnamese troops entered South Viet Nam. South Vietnamese agents were dropped into North Viet Nam before the 1960's. No one is disputing that there are at present a small amount of North Vietnamese troops in South Viet Nam but these were not there before the massive build-up of American troops.

Mr. Walsh also defends the neo-Fascist dictatorship as being one elected by popular vote. What rubbish! Only government or extreme anti-Communist candidates were allowed to stand for office and only people selected by the government as being trustworthy were allowed to vote. Also Mr. Walsh how many votes were the armed forces allowed each and how many were civilians allowed each? Mr. Walsh wants to find out what percentage of adults were allowed to vote instead of what percentage of eligible voters voted.

Yes Mr. Walsh, I can state what election Ho Chi Minh was elected president in. If you read better books you would know that Ho Chi Minh was elected president of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in January 1946. He was elected by democratic elections carried out over the whole of Viet Nam and formed a coalition government of Communists, anti-Communists and Neutralists. The legitimacy of the election was confirmed in March 1946 with the signing in Paris of the Independence of Viet Nam as a free state.

If Mr. Walsh read a little more he would know that the North Vietnamese government and the NLF are more nationalistic than communistic. A large percentage of the NLF are not Communists but are merely fighting for their independence.

Also, may I inquire as to what the secretary of the YDLA is doing studying and quoting Mao's little red book? I thought only red guards did that, or do they?

Yours fraternally,
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Firstly I wish to say that I am not referring to any one person or persons in the remarks I am about to make about businessmen, but just trying to point out to Mr. Mildenhall how illogical his letter ("Altona Star," Dec. 7) was.

The council is where matters which concern the shire are discussed and decisions are made as to what is the best ideas and propositions to benefit the largest proportion of the community.

A businessman is just a man who has only had to think mainly of himself as the one to benefit. Therefore it's not logic to say a successful businessman will surely be a good councillor.

Whereas, a man who has successfully served as a president, secretary or committeeman on a sporting body or some charitable organisation, has had the experience of holding meetings and discussions and reaching decisions which concern a large body of people and by this experience would be by far the one with the best qualifications to be a councillor.

Mr. Mildenhall seemed very elated about the surplus of \$25,000. I would like to point out to him that the shire council is not run as a profit making machine.

I hope that we are not facing a period when the progress of Altona is going to come to a halt because I'm sure everyone knows that by putting off doing works that must be done is false economy as the costs rise with each passing year.

Yours sincerely,

VERA V. WELLS.

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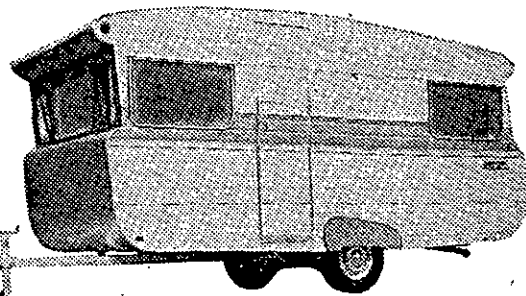
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WORK STARTS ON ALTONA SEWER

Work has commenced on the first section of Altona's main sewer.

It will run from near the corner of Maidstone Street and Palm Avenue (opposite the top end of Civic Parade) back to the treatment plant.

Total cost of this section is estimated at \$494,005.

The lowest tender for the work, submitted by Morgan Drainage Pty. Ltd., has been accepted by the Board of Works.

It is for \$341,010 plus \$17,051 provision money.

Materials to be supplied by the Board plus supervision and overhead charges by the Board will cost the remaining \$133,944.

The contract with Morgan's stipulates the work be completed by November, 1968.

This is the month when the treatment plant is due to begin operating.

Tenders for reticulation of the areas to be connected to this section of the deep-sewer will probably be called early in the new year.

Prior to calling these tenders the Board has been test drilling in Maidstone Street and in the vicinity of Bracken Grove.

It is expected that when the treatment plant starts working Altona West will be ready to immediately switch over to the sewer.

GIFT OF BLOOD CAN MEAN GIFT OF LIFE

More than ever at Christmas the gift of blood means the gift of life. Dr. J. P. Morris, director of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, said today that before December 22 the Red Cross Blood Bank must build up supplies of blood needed for the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Because blood can be stored only for 15 days, extra supplies will have to be collected in the two weeks before Christmas and again between Christmas and the New Year.

"We particularly ask donors to make every effort to keep their appointments during the next two weeks," Dr. Morris said, "so that we can maintain supplies of blood needed for lifesaving transfusions during Christmas and the New Year. Calls on the Red Cross Blood Bank will be just as urgent during this period."

As well as the usual sessions before Christmas, the Central Blood Bank at 114 Flinders-st. will have donor sessions on Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, from 9-15 to 3 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Friday, December 29, from 9-15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donor sessions at the Royal Women's Hospital Blood Bank will continue until Thursday, December 21, and recommence on Monday, January 8. At the Alfred Hospital Blood Bank sessions will continue until December 21, and recommence on Tuesday, January 9.

ALTONA'S FIRST WIN OF LIFE SAVING SEASON

Last week was a very active one for the Altona Life Saving Club with two carnivals, an executive meeting and training.

On Saturday, December 9, a team of juniors left Altona to compete in the Melbourne Suburban Beaches Association junior invitation carnival at South Melbourne.

It was disappointing to see that Altona was the only other team competing besides South Melbourne. However, because of the friendly rivalry between the two clubs, two of the strongest in the MSBA, a good competition was expected. However, Altona having the stronger team on the day was expected to win.

Altona got off to a good start and won the march past, and a following four wins in the boys' and girls' beach relays gave Altona the edge.

The club went on to take all first placings in the swimming events, although South Melbourne gained first in the under 10 beach events.

The final four events, chariot races and the pillow fights, provided an hilarious end to the carnival, especially Altona's ability to remain on the pillow fight pole. It was heard remarked that they come tough at Altona!

As all the team was successful it is hard to name anyone as outstanding. The team was J. Hogan, C. Meade, M. Purdy, A. Willet, G. Taylor, H. Harley, W. Zet, R. Zet, S. Taylor, S. Gini, S. Scott, K. Scot, J. Purdy, J. Cattanach, V. Farnsquet, L. Farnsquet, D. Allen, J. Allen.

The club also attended another carnival at the City Baths on Wednesday night, December 6, which was not so successful for the club. However, Altona managed to finish fourth to Edithvale, Frankston and Chelsea and above Parkdale in A Grade section, all of these being strong teams. As in the previous

indoor carnival junior members won most of the points at this carnival.

Outstanding performances were by C. Meade, W. Forke and M. Purdy. Others in the team were S. Gini, A. Shannahan, Y. Kyzan, J. Cattanach, A. Willet, J. Hogan, P. Byrne, J. McQuarrie, C. Mellet, C. Cotter, R. Bailey, S. Edwards, A. Hudson and B. Allen.

On Tuesday, December 5, the monthly executive meeting was held and several points of note were as follows—

The meeting noted with regret the death of Cr. S. G. McIntosh and stood for several minutes silence in respect.

Fees for the present season have been paid by most members although there were several who had not yet paid.

It was decided to send a representative, Henk Kip, to the special meeting of the Altona Beach Clean Committee the following Friday.

The club was grateful for the donation from the Altona Petrochemical Co.

It was decided that December 14 would be the closing date for entry of names for the Mildura trip and that the fees for those accepted would have to be in by December 21.

The selection committee met on Monday, December 11, and chose teams for the Black Rock Carnival on Sunday, December 17. The bus leaves the clubhouse at 10 a.m. Teams are posted on the notice board.

Patrols for this coming week are now posted on the notice board.

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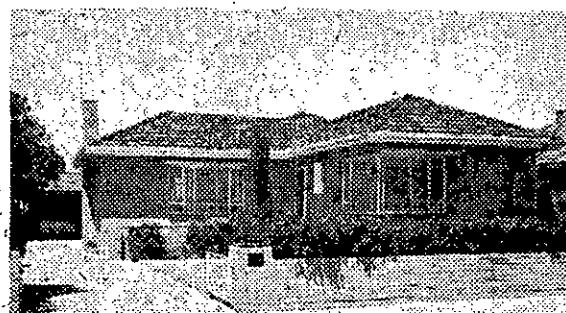
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ALTONA YOUTH CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY

The Altona Youth Club break-up party for members this year took the form of a fancy dress party and the 150 or so members who took part enjoyed every minute as did the many friends and parents who were in attendance.

The children received ice cream, soft drinks and lollies and tea was served to the Parents.

The Judges for the Fancy Dress were Mrs. Taylor, Mr. J. Sherriffs and Miss Robyn Deegan, and it was no easy task to select the winners of the different sections as there were many original and colourful Fancy dresses in the Parade.

Cr. Les Crofts, president of the Youth Club presented the prizes for the costumes as follows:

Boys —
Most original under 10 yrs.: Stephen Hicks dressed as a Ballet Girl.

Best character under 10 yrs.: Bradley Sherwin, dressed as Ned Kelly.

Most original over 10 yrs.: Rodney Firth as a Swaggy.

Best character over 10 yrs.: Roger Penfold as Aladdin, complete with sword.

Girls —

Most original under 10 yrs.: Janet Tilt — the girl with the paint pot.

Best character under 10 yrs.: Helen Zaport — white ballet girl.

Most original over 10 yrs.: Annette Horbentick — girl from St. Trinians.

Best character over 10 yrs.: Kerry Showell — orange and blue girl.

Group —
Best character group won by Swift family featured the Nativity, Joseph and Mary seated on the Donkey.

Most original pair — this was a tie between the two Tarzans and the two Chinamen.

Cr. Crofts then presented gifts to the Instructors as a token of the Committee's appreciation of their efforts throughout the year:— Max Baldwin, Teenager's Room, Weight Lifting and Junior Boys; Harold Doerner, Intermediate and Senior Boys Gym; Ray Poole, Senior Girls; Robyn Deegan, Junior Girls Gym; Patricia Hyde, Handicrafts.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. Crofts, Mrs. Murphy — senior vice-president; Mrs. Hyde — Secretary; and ladies of the Social Committee — Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Cowie and Mrs. Penfold.

KEYSTONE AWARD

Winner of the Keystone Award for 1967 from the Altona Youth Club was Miss Patricia Hyde. This is an Award made each year, on recommendations by the Youth Clubs, by the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs, for initiative, imagination and whole-hearted support for their own Club by a boy or girl in that Club.

Cr. Crofts, when presenting this Award thanked Patricia for her efforts on behalf of the Club and old all present what it had given many years service to the Altona Youth Club, firstly as a member of the Marching Girls section where he was Leader of the Senior team for a season. She has since joined in the senior girls gymnastic section, being one of the regular attendants.

She has helped the Teenage section considerably since its inception, always willing to join in any of the activities, and holds the office of Treasurer or the Teenage committee.

Her contribution towards the Junior members of the club is that, with the help of the Committee she is in charge of the Junior girls handicraft section. The girls make soft toys and novelties, etc., and were successful recently in winning an award in the Elementary Section of a Hobbies Display held at the West Footscray Youth Centre.

The Committee had much confidence in Patricia and consider her worthy to hold the Keystone Award.

Gifts and novelties made by Patricia and members of the handicraft class were on sale in the foyer and attracted a great deal of interest.

The Raffle for the Dressed Bride Doll, as advertised, was not able to be drawn owing to circumstances beyond our control, but will now be drawn on 19th December at the Judo Display to be held in the Youth Hall on that evening.

Boys and Girls, Mums and Dads, give this Display your support.

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Tuesday, December 19 is the date — at 7.30 p.m. Tea and Refreshments provided.

The 1968 youth club season commences in February at the beginning of the school year. Handicraft classes and weaving classes will be held. Gymnastics for members of all ages, boys and girls. Judo for girls and boys.

Buzz Reinwald will be back with us again to take senior boys gym and body building classes.

LAST ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Altona High School Advisory Council held their final meeting for the year on November 30.

The matter causing most concern was the condition of the Sports Oval and Hockey field. This had once again been taken up with the Public Works Department and an inspector had been shown over the area in company with the headmaster and members of the Council's Grounds sub-committee.

Unfortunately present weather conditions had added to the problem. Long delays in communications between the various departments concerned resulted in the business of getting anything done to become a somewhat drawn-out process.

However, the council is doing everything possible to keep this matter before the Public Works Department and would continue their efforts until some satisfactory solution has been achieved.

The Headmaster reported that staffing generally throughout the school is some two months behind schedule but that he had every reason to believe that Altona High School would be adequately staffed at the start of the school year of 1968.

There were six vacancies at present. He was hopeful that there would be sufficient students presenting for Matriculation classes next year to enable them to offer Matriculation in both Science and Humanities in the new year.

Orientation day for new students would be followed by an evening session for parents of new students during which members of the Mothers' Club, Parents and Citizens' Association, and Advisory Council would have the opportunity to inform parents of the various functions of their organisations.

The Assembly Hall Reserve Account has been opened with an amount raised by the Parents and Citizens and an amount raised by the students themselves during the year has also been added.

The meeting was followed by an informal evening at the home of the president, Mr. Ian Herbert, when the Advisory Council was able to meet members of the teaching staff together with the Headmaster, Mr. Tracey and former Headmasters Mr. Price, Mr. Storey and their wives.

BOWLING CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL WEEK

Forty-eight Triples teams contested the Golden Bowl Tournament on 5th, 7th and 8th of the month.

Altona has six teams in the final play-off to be played 12th to 15th December.

On Saturday all four Pennant teams were successful. Details are as follows:—

No. 1 Team d Northcote (3) 95-93. —

McNeillage, Nielsen, R. Don, Mathers, 26-16; Whitmore, Hill, I. Douglas, Mallory, 24-27; B. Nettleton, R. Douglas, Carton, Fisher, 23-21; Stephens, McDonald, Mitchell, Russell, 22-29.

No. 2 Team d Moreland (3) 94-80 —

Crofts, McMahon, Condon, Walsh, 24-18; Webster, Williams, B. Harrison, Watson, 18-25; O'Donnell, Probert, Turner, L. Cox, 29-17; Miles, Paul, Deegan, Flynn, 23-20.

No. 3 Team had big win over Tstrathmore (4) 118-78 —

Dart, Snowden, Craig, Bromley, 34-16; Thorneycroft, Franks, W. Harrison, Inglis, 32-18; Siphthorpe, Brett, Martin, Oliver, 19-22; Blair, J. Cox, Address, Burke, 33-22.

No. 4 Team d Footscray R.S.L. (2) 116-92. —

Clark, D. Nicholls, Carr, Roach, 39-15; B. Nicholls, Buckley, Richardson, Griffiths, 24-25; McKellar, Shillington, Bougoure, Abberton, 21-34; Pugsley, Kelly, Eyre, Jemerson, 32-18.

The Pennant games for the 16th of December are as follows:—

No. 1 team are at home to I.C.I. No. 2 team is away to Glenroy (2). No. 3 Team is home to Glenroy (3) and No. 4 Team play Newport (6) at Newport.

These Pennant games will be the last until Saturday, February the 3rd as during the recess all the Metropolitan Fours, Pairs, and Singles games will be played.

On Saturday night the 16th the Christmas Social night will be held and all members and associates are invited to attend. Father Christmas is scheduled to arrive at 9 o'clock so come along give the children moral support.

All members are reminded that our green keeper is very reliant on your help in watering the greens as it is impossible for one man to attempt to keep them watered.

New Bank Manager for Werribee

Mr. B. W. Maxwell is to be the new manager of the National Bank's Werribee branch, following the retirement of the present manager, Mr. V. R. Heward.

Mr. Maxwell, who was born and bred in the country, has been with the National Bank for 25 years.

During that time he has served extensively in all four of the eastern states.

Mr. Maxwell served with the Navy during the war and was attached at different times both to the Royal Navy and the U.S. 5th Fleet.

These days he enjoys a game of golf as well as being a good bowler, playing A pennant in the Ballarat association.

His wife shares his love of sports, playing golf as well as tennis and badminton.

Before coming to Werribee, Mr. Maxwell was the manager of the National Bank at Bacchus Marsh, where he has taken a great interest in civic and general affairs.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are looking forward to meeting the people of Werribee.

They have three small children, including an 8-year-old son and two daughters of 6 and 4.

WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS

Next Saturday will be the last of the competition meets for this year and the centre will re-open for competition on the 3rd February.

On the 20th and 27th Jan. the centre will be open for coaching purposes only. This coaching is to be made available to all clubs and everyone who is a member will be welcome.

The Westona Club will hold their training nights all through the holidays on Tuesday and Thursday as usual.

At last Saturday's meeting the Westona Club only had nine winners.

Highlight of the day was a double to P. Totney.

The winners for the day were:

Boys under 9 70 mtrs. —

P. Totney.

Boys under 9 200 mtrs. —

P. Totney, D. Scholes, P. Wilsher, R. King.

Boys under 10 70 mtrs. —

I. Vanrangelrooy.

Boys under 11 70 mtrs. —

M. Pacifici.

Boys under 11 800 mtrs. —

R. Douglas.

Girls under 10 high jump —

Glenda Wischart.

OPEN NIGHT AT CAMERA CLUB

Once again members enjoyed a relaxing and entertaining evening at the club meeting last Friday night.

Miss Gail Wilson of Altona acted as model for the portrait demonstration in which the uses of diffused lighting to eliminate harsh facial shadow, was explained. The soft lighting and a good model should provide members with some worthwhile prints.

An "open" night is planned for Friday, December 15, but bring your cameras as a precaution against missing out on some fun. In fact that would be a good rule to follow, to always have your camera on hand at all times.

With holidays rapidly approaching it is a good idea also, to be well stocked with films, and should the results prove to be disappointing then come along to the club in the new year and learn how easy it is to take a good photo.

Meetings are held at "The Homestead", Queen Street, Altona, opposite the library, every Friday (except the first Friday) of every month. Details of these gatherings are given weekly in the Star, and as friendly informality is the keynote of the club a pleasant evening is assured.

Horses and Buggies for Australia Day

Owners of horse-drawn vehicles within distance of Melbourne are invited by the Australia Day Council to take part in the procession which is to take place in Melbourne on Monday, 29th January, the public holiday proclaimed for the celebration of Australia Day, January 26.

It is intended, as was the case on the last Australia Day holiday, to head the procession with a Cobb & Co. coach, and to get as many old horse-drawn vehicles as possible to join in the pilgrimage to places of historic interest in about the city.

All types of buggies, phaetons, jinkers, cabs, and other pre-motor vehicles are wanted to give an historic character to the procession.

There are not many of these in the metropolis. There are some, but not all of their owners have horses to draw them, and harness horses are not always available.

However, the Australia Day Council is anxious to have a good show of the old vehicles for the historic pilgrimage, and would like to hear as soon as possible from anyone willing to participate.

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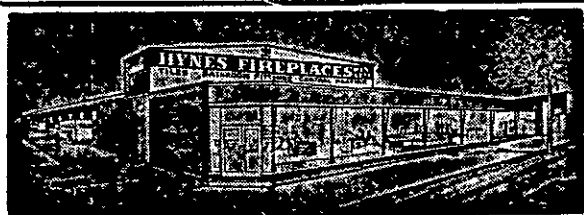
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Laverton Report

by PROG.

One could feel the hostility towards a certain councillor when the subject was brought up regarding the "dog catcher being given six months spell" from the Laverton area.

At the Laverton Progress Association meeting last week Mrs. (don't mention my name) said: "I, as a ratepayer, wish to protest very strongly against the actions of Cr. Bruce Comben in suggesting that we do not need the dog catcher around Laverton for a period of six months."

"I would like to move that this Association send a letter to the Werribee Shire Council requesting more frequent visits by the dog cart. I would also like a letter sent to the C.O. of Laverton Air Base asking him to look into the Air Force personnel getting posted and leaving behind animals to fend for themselves."

"They should either have them destroyed or collected by some animal home. It's disgusting that such people are allowed to have pets when they just kick them out into the streets when they get posted."

"Yes," said the chairman, Cr. B. F. Jackson, "it's getting to be a regular thing in this area that they just toss them out and let them be someone else's worry."

"Only four people in Hoppers Crossing had a dog licence and when the catcher heard about it he was off like a flash," said Mr. McDonald. "He picked up about 200 that week. I tell you they have nothing but praise for him down there."

"I thought this business of the dog catcher was just a small item of news, but it's bigger than one could possibly imagine. Nearly every household is touched by it in some way. They are either for the dogs or against them. There does not seem to be anyone who is 'right down the middle.'"

Let's hope that people get more conscious and do not let their dogs out into the street without a leash, this way we can all appreciate pets, and the absence of (the latter suits me fine).

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"Who are the delegates to the Recreation Reserve Committee?" asked Cr. Frank Gibson. "I feel that it is time the Association wrote to the committee and asked for a meeting to be called within two weeks so that our delegates can meet them."

"Half the time there is not enough for a quorum," said Cr. Jackson. "No one is interested in doing anything towards keeping the oval or the surrounds clean. None of them think to go and clean up after the season is over. They just leave it till the next year."

"The Recreation Reserve Committee is supposed to look after all the reserves around here as well as the oval."

"Who is on the committee?" again asked Cr. Gibson.

"I am the secretary, if that answers your question," said Cr. Jackson. "I would like here and now to call for nominations for delegates from the Progress Association. Their duties being to govern, maintain and to make sure that these reserves are in good state of repair in the East Riding."

"I understand that the gateways are too small for a pram

to go through," said Mr. W. Argyle. "How can we expect a woman with a child in a pram to use these reserves when they cannot even get through the gate?"

"That is why the boom gates were fitted," answer Cr. Gibson. "Women are supposed to push their prams under the boom."

"I understand that this matter of the gateways is being investigated by the shire engineer," prompted Cr. Jackson. "Anyway, we still haven't picked our delegates for the Rec. Reserve Committee."

The matter was soon attended to and the LPA now has two new RRC officers, namely Mr. N. Fox and Mr. B. Edmunds.

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"What can be done to stop kids hanging around the milk bars?" asked Mr. Edmunds.

Every time you go to the shop there is a mob of kids standing around. I worked for the Turana Training Centre and I see these kids are heading that way fast. If the police are rung they shift them off, but they are back again as soon as the police have gone."

"How about a big light on the corner? I wonder if that would chase them off?" said Cr. Jackson.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THEM? Mr. Edmunds may as well ask the wind.

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By now just about every resident in Laverton has a new calendar for 1968, compliments of the LPA, but there is one thing I suggest you do before hanging it.

That is to put a big square around the first Monday every month (this is when the LPA meets).

The second date to mark is January 12, this is when a public meeting is being called to form a committee, the Laverton Swimming Pool Committee.

It is hoped that enough people are interested to go along to the Memorial Hall and to help form this committee and to forward ideas as to the location of the same.

You don't want a swimming pool? Well, go along and tell them that.

How about it mum? Tired of racing off to Werribee or Footscray? Now is the time to act.

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Heard on the grapevine that the caretaker of Laverton North State School keeps a wary eye open for the vandals who smashed about nine windows recently.

One night she saw an "intruder" nosing around the school so naturally she rang the police.

"Intruder" had vanished by the time the police came, but super sleuthing on the part of our local constabulary soon "captured" him. It was a school teacher returning some gear to the school after the "turn out" at the "break-up." (No names were given.)

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New greengrocer to open soon at the "Top End" next to the super market.

Understand that a butcher is interested too in same block of shops.

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"Whoever did the Little Boundary-rd. job at about \$35,000 should be ashamed to take the money," said Mr. A. Shipsey at the LPA meeting last week.

"They should be made to come back and do it again," he said. "Free," he added.

"From a council point of view it is a very good job," answered Cr. Jackson.

"If you saw that road before it was done up you would be amazed at the amount of work entailed."

One would expect a lot of work for \$35,000 and I personally am surprised that the Werribee Shire Council got out of it so cheap.

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It never fails to amaze me at the narrow mindedness of some people, just because a man gets to be in a position that brings him into the public eye, through no fault of his own, some of these so-called public spirited people call him a "publicity seeker."

When will they learn that the "man of action" is not the one that sits at home watching the TV or reading the papers, then knows all about it, and does not hesitate to tell people that he knows.

I prefer the man that goes out and earns his keep in the community, and by doing so, naturally gets into the news. This is the type of man that has, and always will, get things done, and makes sure they are done and make sure they are properly undertaken.

This could be a profile of our next shire president. The so-called "publicity seeker" quote of the week: "Expect not praise without envy until you are dead."

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Eight shopping days to Christmas.

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Kids are wonderful things. Heard three of them talking the other day.

First boy: "My dad sees Father Christmas every day."

Second boy: "My dad works for Father Christmas, so there."

Young Ocker: "My dad is Father Christmas, and he works at so and so's store."

No lies on young Ocker. More next week.

PROG.

DANGER ON TRAIN LINES

Children exposed themselves and others to great danger when "skylarking" on trains and playing, or taking short cuts, across railway lines or under railway bridges.

Death, or the life-long effects of injury, were all too often the result of such misbehaviour.

Victorian Railways investigation officer, Mr. E. W. Turner, asked children to remember this when he gave a community service talk, "Travelling by Train," at the Aspendale Technical School.

It was the first of a number of metropolitan schools he will visit.

Mr. Turner said that the temptation to play or take short cuts on railway property tended to increase during school holidays.

He appealed to children not to make a "danger area" a "play area" during the coming Christmas holidays.

It was appreciated, Mr. Turner said, that many children had a genuine curiosity about railways and the equipment used in the running of trains. However, this sometimes led youngsters to put themselves in danger when wandering on to railway property.

Consequently, the railways offered an information service, including free literature, to cater for railway enthusiasts and also arranged guided tours of interesting railway locations for school parties. Also, the railways would be only too pleased to put any individual youngster in touch with a railway society or club in which he could follow his railway interest in a safe way.

YOUR CAR AND HOLIDAYS

Before setting off on a holiday trip, says the Royal Auto Club of Victoria, make sure that your car is in top condition.

The wise motorist will have a comprehensive check carried out on his vehicle, such as those offered by the RACV.

The cost of such a test is \$12, which is money well spent when you consider that your car will have been thoroughly tested and you will get written advice of any work which needs to be carried out on it.

At the very least, have your car serviced and ask your local garageman to check such important items as brakes, steering, tyres, lights and suspension.

If you are told that your car needs certain work done on it to make it safe, don't ignore the advice and decide to do it at "some other time."

You may not get another chance.

Altona Tennis Club Teams

Altona 1 No. 1 v

Kingsville 2 (away) —

M. Kelly, J. Kelly, R. Walker, P. Parkinson, O. Kelly, S. Adcock, G. Cronin, M. Harrington

Altona 1 No. 2 v

V.R.I. (home) —

R. Turner, C. Turner, I. L. Harrington, P. Parkinson, P. Trickey, B. Angus, J. Burke, M. Harrington.

Altona 3 v

Roberta (away) —

B. Mellington, A. Angus, D. Campbell, G. Russell, L. Hutton, G. Thomas, M. Walker, T. Gunn.

B 2 v Diggers (home) —

D. White, K. Walsh, J. Trickey, G. Russell, S. Morrow, D. Stephenson, M. Orchard, J. Walker.

Players unavailable please notify emergency and Mrs. Harrington.

JUNIORS

Boys Section (1) v

Diggers (home) —

J. Trickey, R. Snowling, G. Wood, C. Sutton, Emerg.: E. Valente.

Girls Section (1) v Liston

Esplanade (home) —

J. Walker, B. Walker, B. Sandilands, S. Kewon, Emerg.: L. Smith.

Boys Section (3) v

Sunshine V.R.I. (away) —

E. Valente, R. Groves, J. Rosenboom, G. Crofts, Emerg.: A. Findlay.

Girls Section (3) No. 1 v

Youth Club (away) —

L. Smith, J. Critchley, R. Webb, H. Shields, Emerg.: D. Crofts.

Girls Section (3) No. 2 v

Kingsville (home) —

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Hostel Planned for Spastic Children

An association which aims to build a hostel in Altona for spastic children was formed by a group of interested people who attended a meeting last week in the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona.

The hostel is to provide limited accommodation for orphan spastics, care for spastics during the illness of parents and be a place where spastic children can be left while parents have a much needed holiday.

First president of the new "Altona Spastic Relief Association" is Mr. Les Russell, retail butcher of Pier-st., Altona.

The aim of the association is to raise funds for building the hostel, said Mr. Russell yesterday.

He said methods for achieving this end will be discussed in February when the group begins operating in earnest.

What will be needed is the support and backing of the community, stressed Mr. Russell.

The raising of funds for such a hostel has already been adopted as the major project of the Lions Club of Altona.

The club plans to raise \$10,000 over four years.

Last week's meeting organised by Mrs. Linda Oakes, secretary of the Altona Spastic Aid Committee, was called following the announcement by the Spastic Aid Society of Victoria that it had decided not to build a centre in Altona.

For some years a number of folk have been working towards this goal and the decision was a bitter blow to them and to the parents of local spastics.

Land for the building had actually been set aside by the Altona Shire Council.

Fifty-two people from Altona and nearby suburbs attended the meeting chaired by Mr. Keith Kube, of Maidstone-st., Altona.

Mrs. Andrews, of the Chis-Lon Spastic Centre, spoke on her

findings during a recent overseas tour when she visited spastic centres in England and on the continent.

She said the trend is for smaller decentralised hostels rather than the larger institution. The meeting agreed to form the association.

Secretary is Mrs. Audrey Cruttenden, of Grieve Highway, and treasurer Mr. M. Corr, of Belmar-ave., Altona.

Committee members are Mr. Bob Bower, Harrington-st., Altona; Mr. Clancy, Peel-st., Newport; Mr. Bruce Jobling, Maidstone-st., Altona; Mr. Leckie, Norma-crt., Avondale Heights; Mrs. L. Oakes, Upton-st., Altona; Mrs. Testa, Blyth-st., Altona; Mrs. Walker, Barkly-st., Footscray; and Mrs. Winder, Upton-st., Altona.

There are vacancies on the committee for a further two members.

The formation of this association has given the parents of local spastics some heart for the future.

One mother pointed out that admittance to the institution at Kew is virtually impossible as 900 names are on the waiting list.

And Kew is not considered by them to be a satisfactory home for their children.

She said when the hostel eventuates it will be a great relief for parents to know that when they have gone there will be a suitable home waiting to take their spastic child.

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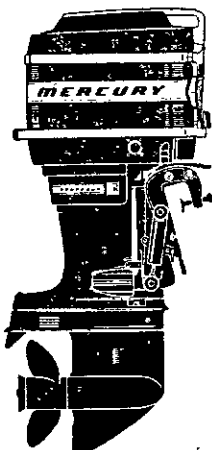
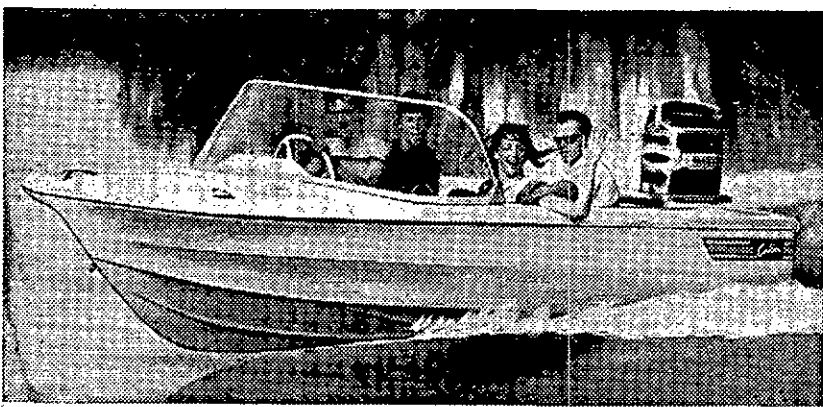
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HANDSOME BROWN EYED JAM WINS ALTONA BATTLE

A crowd of 300 saw local group, Brown Eyed Handsome Jam win Altona's "Battle of the Sounds" at the Altona Youth Hall on Saturday night.

The Jam finished up only one point ahead of the much improved Madame Applebee group from Newport, who were runners-up.

Other groups competing included The Maze, The Evirons and Devil's Disciples.

Unfortunately the Individuals and Lama's Concept did not compete and this was a shame because St. Albans group, Jonathan's Guild, were refused entry into the Battle because of the number of groups who indicated that they were going to compete.

Guest artists were Chris St. Nicholas and his backing group, Graeme, Jim and Mike. Incidentally Graeme, Jim and Mike sang their current release, "How Much is That Doggy in the Window?" on Kevin Dennis' "New Faces" on Sunday night.

This number is 57th on the 3AK hit parade and you can buy it on the Astor label.

It was fitting that the Jam should win Altona's first "Battle of the Sounds," being as they are the oldest pop group in Altona, but I would tip Madame Applebee as cent winners of next year's Battle if they are still going. Their co-ordination on Saturday night was the best yet and if they continue to practice hard they will make the grade.

It is interesting to note the difference in drumming styles of Wayne Ford (HBEJ) and Pete Matthews (MA). Whereas Wayne concentrates on getting a crisp beat from his snare drum, Pete prefers to use his bass drum (Tony Cahill style) and side drum. Wayne keeps a decent hold on his sticks while Pete holds his rather like chopsticks. However, one piece of advice to Peter, "Ease the volume just a little." To me the thing that stood out most in Madame Applebee's playing was the driving, grinding earthy beat of the drums, but remember not to overdo it Pete.

Overall Madame Applebee put up a great performance to get second considering they had to put on a new singer for the night. The singer replaced Noel Rafferty who is retiring from the scene for a while.

No doubt the proudest person in the Jam would have been Jimbo McEwan, who is leaving for Scotland in a few weeks. Jimbo will be able to go overseas with the knowledge that he was once part of a successful Australian pop group and if he does not get homesick with the thought I'll eat my typewriter.

life after death but life in the body on earth—now. He explained that for one week's wages a person could be initiated into the practice of meditation. Besides the money a person would have to bring a handkerchief, some fruit and some bread as an offering of respect to the Maharishi's master who had given him the power of meditation.

On being initiated each person is given a word (which he must keep to himself) to meditate upon. It was not the meaning, but the sound of this word that was important because the word was based upon the nervous system of that person. Naturally there were not as many words as people but after all many people had the same characters.

The Maharishi claims that the money donated is used for his travelling expenses and the academies he is establishing throughout the world (one in Melbourne soon). There are academies in Bremen, Germany and in Sweden and soon there will be more in other parts of the world.

Is the Maharishi a genuine disciple of peace or a shrewd businessman? To find this out you will have to contact one of his disciples in Melbourne and pay a week's wages to become initiated.

If you are out of work no donation is asked for and the maximum fee for students is \$20.

IN THE CROWD

Seen amongst the crowd on Saturday night were Zunny, Bluey, Rocky, Dutch, Pat H., Johnny Angel, Nashville Noel, Denise, Mary Hardy (Cheryl Grey), Brian the Magnificent, Greg from Ararat, Haggis, Gail W., Clarke, Maggots, Evey and John and Chris and Jacky.

THE MAHARISHI — SAINT OR SINNER?

Praised by the Beatles, Mia Farrow and Marianne Faithfull the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi failed to absorb my complete interest for the three and a half hours that he discussed transcendental meditation at Festival Hall last week.

His rather high pitched voice became monotonous as he repeated himself more than once on what his unique philosophy entailed. Naturally I wasn't surprised to hear the chap sitting next to me snoring and may be this was what caused the two girls sitting in front of us to walk out before the Maharishi had finished his lecture. Or could they have been bored?

However, there were those in the crowd who sat spellbound as the Maharishi spoke and these people far outnumbered those who walked out. One such person was Keith Barber (drummer for the Wild Cherries) and I also noticed Chris St. Nicholas. Needless to say the "Flower Children" were there in full force.

Sitting cross-legged with a red rose in one hand the Maharishi explained that transcendental meditation required no great effort or concentration—in fact no control of the mind.

Transcendental meditation was the philosophy for peace on earth and any other forms of philosophy were false. The Maharishi was in no way concerned with

life after death but life in the body on earth—now. He explained that for one week's wages a person could be initiated into the practice of meditation. Besides the money a person would have to bring a handkerchief, some fruit and some bread as an offering of respect to the Maharishi's master who had given him the power of meditation.

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GOSSIP

Violette and Carol off to the Porpoise Pool at Christmas. Will they be the victims of sharks?

Four krome-plated yabbies for lunch thanks Dawn.

Could be a BIG Battle of the Bands at Werribee soon.

Noel Raff slept right the way through the Maharishi's lecture last week and judging by the 'high pitch' of his snoring he wasn't meditating either.

Also seen at Festival Hall was Maharishi Wallis and his disciple. These lads hope to become Bhuddists soon.

New group in Altona called Nittly Gritty's Good Time Funk Band have already changed their name to Lama's Concept (wise decision boys).

Jimbo McEwan of the Jam reports that he has a camera for sale.

Haven't stopped eating eggs since seeing "Cool Hand Luke." Stubbles are more trouble than they are worth.

James Taylor Move really knocked them out at Werribee last Sunday night.

Have you ever seen a seal with an unroadworthy exhaust? Bus Stop promoters report that they are holding a bumper Christmas Eve Special.

Feature of the night will be Santa Barnett, Rudolph Lee and Father Cahill. Admission will be a snowball (must be imported from Glasgow).

COMING SOON

Coming soon we have a feature of the Devil's Disciples, who fans are anxious to read about in the "Star."
Last week I received a letter (with 18 signatures on it) requesting a write-up on the group.

COMPETITION

How many players in the group called JAMES TYLOR MOVE? Send your answers to "Altona Star," 101 Pier-st., Altona, 3018, and win a free . . .

LETTER

Dear Ron,

I would like to oppose Rhonda in what she said about Madame Applebee (Us Wot Motivate). The group she spoke about is good why didn't they enter "Altona Battle of the Sounds." And why hasn't everybody heard of them?

I know Madame Applebee personally and I can truly say that they are worthy of the write-up. If this group is so good why haven't we heard of them before?

Up with Madame Applebee

RONNIE CAIRNCROFT

If you require a fan photo of that well-known columnist appearing in last issue just contact Smedley Forrest

ENTERTAINMENT

Dances

SUNDAY NIGHT: Bus Stop Centenary Hall, Werribee.

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- 4.—Gimme Little Sign Brenton Woods
- 5.—Massachusetts Bee Gees
- 6.—Don't Let Your Left Hand Know/My Prayer The Vibras
- 7.—The Letter Box Tops
- 8.—Judy Elvis Presley
- 9.—Itchycoo Park Small Faces
- 10.—Snoopy's Christmas Royal Guardsmen

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Street—Divided
 between Millers
 and Mills Street:
 The road bed
 of crushed rock
 sub-base course is in
 progress between Sixth and
 Avenue.

ment stabilised crushed
 for the base course has
 spread between Mills St.
 and Avenue.

n's Road:
 crushed rock for the
 road was stabilised with
 and kerb and channel
 constructed between Black-
 Road and the southern
 of the proposed Low-
 Crossing Freeway.

hed rock is being spread
 for treatment.

aped in preparation for
Street South—Sargood
to McBain Street:
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 the north side of the
 y was completed.
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 adjacent to the old railway
 at McBain Street was
 and the northern por-
 the pavement was rais-
 cement stabilised crush-

Second Third and Fourth
s south of Mason St.,
n Avenue and Hobbs
east of Fifth Avenue,
Avenue and Windsor
t north of McIntosh
Private Street Scheme

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 is completed. Spreading
 sion stabilised crushed
 for the intermediate
 is about to be undertak-
 Street, Robin Street,

Street, Robin Street,
venue, Lark Street, Koo-
Street, Somers Pde.,
n Street, Finch Street
ell Avenue — Private
Scheme No. 94:
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 d gritted.

Rosala and Mitten Ave-
between Blackshaws Road
ade Avenue and Glade
between Freeman's Rd.
ambers Rd. — Private
Scheme No. 91:
 surfacing with bitumin-
 concrete was completed
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 Glade Avenue where
 ge works are not com-

Road — Divided Road-
between Noordenne Ave.
R.A. Entrance:
 laying of underground
 in Millers Road north
 of Creek is in pro-

g of Trees:
 h has been spread ar-
 ees in reserves and
 some street trees.
 water tanks are being
 carry drainage water to
 n streets and reserves
 shrubs around Council

ate Street:
 Estimate and Appor-
 of Cost of full street
 tion less concrete path,
 submitted.
Cleaning:
 ing of seaweed from
 chfront is in progress.

DRINGAL GOLF SCORES

SATURDAY

ade: M. Canaway (10),
 B Grade: J. Dewitt
 n count back from F.
 7), 64 nett; C Grade:
 de (18), 63 nett.

SUNDAY

ssional: Won by W.
 us 3.
 Knock-out Trophy was
 T. James, P. Madigan.

NEWPORT DOWN IN BASEBALL

Both Newport Baseball Club
 teams lost last Sunday in games
 played in the Victorian Baseball
 Association's summer competi-
 tion.

These losses have cost both
 teams places in the four.

A TEAM
 Newport met Alphington away
 and lost 6-3.
 Batting and fielding by New-
 port was poor. Alphington did
 not earn any of the six runs
 scored, and this led to New-
 port's downfall.

Newport players continually
 miss signals and this will not
 aid the teams chance of regain-
 ing the four.

SAFE HITS: Sid Bunting 1,
 Don Henderson 1, John Maher
 1, Reg Simpson 1 and Geoff
 Stonehouse 1.

B TEAM
 Monash University played
 Newport at the J. T. Gray Re-
 serve and won 8-3.

Monash deserved this win and
 the loss to Newport resulted in
 a drop from second to fifth posi-
 tion.

Newport fielded better in this

Presbyterian Family Social

A family social for members
 of the Presbyterian Church will
 be held in the Church Hall,
 Civic Parade, Altona, this Fri-
 day night, December 15, at 8
 p.m.

game than previous displays but
 still errors allowed runners to
 score. Batting was not as good
 as in the past two matches.

SAFE HITS: Harry Bunting 1,
 Peter Campbell 1, Norm Higham
 1, Ray Scott 1 and Alan White 1.

NEXT GAMES

Next Sunday, December 17,
 sees the last round of games
 before the Christmas break-
 and matches are as follows:

A TEAM play Caulfield at the
 J. T. Gray Reserve, Kororoit
 Creek-rd., Williamstown, at 12-30
 p.m. Players to be at the venue
 by 11-30 a.m.

B TEAM play Oakleigh at Oak-
 leigh at 2-50 p.m. Players to
 meet at the Masonic Hall, New-
 port, at 1-15 p.m.

LOCAL BOY IS TOP REPCO APPRENTICE

On Monday, December 11,
 the Repco Training Centre held
 their awards night for 1st year
 apprentices at Storey Hall, Roy-
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CRICKET REPORT

B GRADE TURF

Altona-B Grade, lacking consistent batsmen, went down by an innings to Spotswood Imps last Saturday.

Altona needed to score 202 to win on the first innings, but found the Spotswood bowlers, led by Ceylon International Ernie Ke Laart well on top and apart from Bruce Forrester (23) and Jim Joyce (22) and Noel Michael (15) no other Altona batsmen looked comfortable. In a disappointing display Altona finally collapsed for 84.

With Spotswood forcing the follow-on Altona opened with Bob Harrison and Michael, who, batting cautiously, took the score to 46 before Michael (23) fell to a shooter from Glazener.

Harrison (22) was next to go to a catch taken very low down in slips. Joyce made an effort to lift the team and hit out strongly for a quick 27 to carry the score to 80.

Altona looked safe to avoid an outright defeat, but timid batsmen further down were unable to score from the now tired Spotswood.

Altona were still losing wickets and with a final run out Altona went down to Spotswood by an innings.

Next Saturday against Powerhouse Altona will give all players the opportunity to recover prestige and continue to fight for a place in the four.

SPOTSWOOD—1st inns.: 201.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

(Resumed at 2/34, Joyce 20 n.o., Forrester 10 n.o.)	
JOYCE, c. b Raymer	20
FORRESTER, b Ke Laart	23
MURPHY, c. b Raymer	7
MICHAEL, lbw, b Couch	15
ORR, stpd., b Couch	0
CRITCHLEY, lbw, b Ke Laart	0
CONRAD, c. b Ke Laart	5
HARRISON, not out	0
COX, absent	0
Sundries	6

TOTAL: 84

BOWLING: E. Ke Laart 3/18, A. Raymer 3/27, W. Couch 2/20.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

HARRISON, c. b Ke Laart	22
MICHAEL, b Glazener	23
FORRESTER, b Ke Laart	3
JOYCE, b Ke Laart	27
MCCULLACH, lbw, b Ke Laart	1
CRITCHLEY, c. b Glazener	9
MURPHY, c. b Glazener	1
ORR, c. b Ke Laart	2
CONRAD, not out	7
CAMILLERI, run out	6
COX, absent	0
Sundries	7

TOTAL: 108

BOWLING: L. Le Laart 5/23, Glazener 3/28.

ALTONA UNDER-16

Altona, resuming at 5/40 against Newport ANA, quickly found themselves in trouble. The younger brigade couldn't handle the pace of Newport's opening bowler in Harry Bunting, and they were bundled out for another paltry 10 runs.

Altona, forced to follow on, began disastrously. Ian McCudden being caught off the first ball. Kevin Flett soon followed and when David Chalmers and Greg Critchley were disposed of Altona were a shaky 4/25.

Tony Paone with a quick 11 led the remaining batsmen back to the pavilion and Altona's innings ended at 49.

This is a most disappointing result and the team needs to take stock and settle down to a more positive approach to the game. One bright aspect was the batting of newcomer Millar. This youngster appears to possess the necessary aptitude and ability to enhance his game.

On Sunday the Altona 12-year-olds played host to Yarraville and were successful in securing a first innings win. This was the last game of 1967 and the club hopes for better things in 1968.

NEWPORT ANA—1st inns.: 123.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

(Resumed at 5/40, Bennett 0 n.o.)	
BENNETT, c. b Bunting	1
PATTON, c. b Fletcher	0
LITTLE, b Bunting	0
SHOWELL, b Fletcher	0
LUCK, b Fletcher	0
MILLAR, not out	2
Sundries	4

TOTAL: 50

BOWLING: H. Bunting 6/16, Fletcher 4/30.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

FLETT, c. b Bright	4
MCCUDDEN, c. b Bunting	0
CRITCHLEY, b Bunting	12
CHALMERS, b Bunting	10
PAONE, b Bright	11
BENNETT, c. b Bright	0

C GRADE TURF

Playing Newport Footballers, Altona were sent in to bat on an unmade wicket covered with matting and made a good start with Eric Milner and Gordon Lewis. The outfield was fairly fast, but due to the long boundaries few fours were hit.

Ray Dickett and Jack Blokkerus put on 53 runs for the sixth wicket and Altona were able to declare at 6/174.

Newport started off well picking up runs from the opening bowlers, with captain Ron Dawes making 21 before being out leg before wicket.

The first day finished with Newport being 4/49.

Kevin Flett and Ross Ford took up the attack again on the second day and Flett soon had two quick wickets to make the Newport Footballers' score 6/59. The spinners then came into the attack and Newport were all out for 88, just seven runs short of avoiding the follow on.

Jack Blokkerus and Ray Dickett continued the attack in the second innings but were not able to break through the Newport batsmen and it was left to Kevin Flett, who bowled very well with the wind to put down 11 overs, five of them maidens, and to finish with 3/19. This would be one of Kevin's best spells of bowling and without it Altona could very well have not won the game outright as the Newport batsmen were hitting the ball well and scoring freely off the other bowlers with the exception of Ross Ford, who bowled four overs, one maiden and took 1/9.

Eric Milner had his first bowl for the season and took the valuable wicket of Ron Dawes.

Newport were all out for 106, leaving Altona 21 runs to win in 24 minutes.

David Chalmers and Laurie Eagan opened the batting for Altona and Chalmers off-drove a nice three off the first ball. Soon after he was out to a ball that didn't rise and bowled him. Eagan had a couple of practice swings at the ball and then decided to hit a few. He knocked off 16 runs with two fours and Altona passed Newport's score with about 15 minutes to spare.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

LEWIS, c. b Reynolds	19
MILNER, c. b Reynolds	29
GRASSBY, run out	10
FLETT, c. b Cassel	1
DUCKETT, not out	61
CHALMERS, b Reynolds	13
MARTIN, c. b Welsh	10
BLOKKERUS, not out	15
Sundries	16

TOTAL: 6 wickets dec. for 174

BOWLING: Reynolds 3/41.

NEWPORT—1st inns.:

DAWES, lbw, b Duckett	21
HIRT, c. b Duckett	10
DURBRIDGE, b Blokkerus	4
CASSELL, c. b Duckett	4
MCCUTCHEON, stpd., b Blokkerus	5
WEEDON, lbw, b Flett	5
REYNOLDS, b Flett	5
HEWITT, b Blokkerus	15
WALKER, lbw, b Duckett	4
WELSH, not out	2
BOURKE, b Duckett	0
Sundries	14

TOTAL: 88

BOWLING: R. Duckett 5/12, J. Blokkerus 3/9, K. Flett 2/17.

NEWPORT—2nd inns.:

WELSH, run out	33
HEWITT, b Flett	4
CASSELL, c. b Flett	14
DURBRIDGE, b Ford	6
WALKER, lbw, b Flett	3
DAWES, c. b Milner	10
MCCUTCHEON, b Duckett	14
WEEDON, stpd., b Duckett	0
REYNOLDS, not out	9
BOURKE, b Duckett	0
Sundries	13

TOTAL: 106

BOWLING: K. Flett 3/19, R. Duckett 3/25.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

CHALMERS, b Cassel	4
EAGAN, not out	16
FORD, not out	5
Sundries	0

TOTAL: No wicket for

BOWLING: Cassel 1/14.

Altona Cricket Club Social News

Whether in the field or clubrooms Altona cricketers try to give their best performances. Ron McCullagh, musical secretary, still talks of the trio (Max, Lance and Ron) and even threatens to sing alone should the other two not co-operate. This competition may upset our warbling president, Frank Kirk.

Another outstanding performance was seen in the clubrooms last Saturday. This time it was given by Frank Thomas, who sat himself on the end of one of our most elegant forms, tilted up the end, slid to the floor (muttering magic words), then with his audience gasping, he balanced with abnormally practised skill, a large quantity of refreshments on the upturned end of the form.

With due decorum he refused the calls for an encore.

Ray Duckett and John Cooney were seen having an earnest discussion in a quiet corner. Perhaps Ray has become a disciple of coach John because now Ray also roams the club in his socks.

Stan Hatful has his problems, but haven't we all? It seems that wise and loyal members of the club tried hard to help Stan with his problems on Saturday. It's said that he was much happier after their help anyway.

Last Saturday saw an interesting and enjoyable match between Altona and Yarraville Under-12-year-olds. Each side played well from the report of junior coach Bill Nichol. He says there is to be a return match upon the invitation of Yarraville.

The president reports that work is well under way on the melthoid wickets and that they will be ready for use at the first practice in the new year.

There is to be a special night in the clubrooms on Saturday next, December 16, after the game. All members are asked to make a special effort to come along since this will be the last evening before Christmas and the New Year.

—BATMAN.

CHURCH CRICKET SCORES

The fifth round of matches in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association was completed last Saturday, and again high scores were the order of the day.

With the grounds becoming drier and almost devoid of grass runs are becoming easier to get, and wickets harder to capture. Only two outright decisions were gained in senior ranks, both being in C Grade, all other games were decided on the first innings, except Yarraville Baps. v. Barkly-st. Meths., which resulted in a draw.

Highest praise is due to Barkly-st. Meths. juniors captain, Chris Jones, who batted right through his teams innings to finish with the great score of 179 not out. Stephen Smith of Barkly-st. Meths. juniors also batted through his teams innings to get 123 not out. Other run-getters of note included Ian Cocks 84 n.o., Graeme Seers 85 n.o., Whitby 79, Boseley 67, Alan Heath 65, Smith 60, Eric Duncan 60, Alby Richardson 58, Ken Hargreaves 55, Huntington 50, whilst bowlers to earn their place included McNair 8/52, Maynard 7/23 and 6/7, Dick Day 5/24, Jack Collett 5/40, Ron Comben 5/44, Lawerson 5/45, Maurice Scheurer 5/60.

By far the best double of the day was put up by North Williamstown Church of Christ player George Hayes in the under-16 section when he made 73 not out and took 6/20. Results of the matches are as follows—

A GRADE

Yarraville Baps. 9/185 (K. Hargreaves 55, Pate 29 n.o., R. Hayes 26, B. Hayes 15, Collett 5/40, Bates 3/41) drew with Williamstown Congs. 92 and 7/144 dec. (Bowyer 28, Higham 23, Gill 18, Keeping 4/72) lost on the first innings to Tottenham Baps. 4/105 dec. and 5/71 (Brook 34 n.o.).

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 9/170 dec. (Duncan 60, Walker 3/28, W. Anderson 3/34) d. Kingsville Baps. 112 and 6/87 (G. Jackson 34) on the first innings.

St. Andrew's Williamstown Newport Meths. 113 and 6/167 6/204 dec. (R. Homewood 23) d. I. Cocks 84 n.o., Johnson 26, G. Homewood 3/55) on the first innings.

B GRADE

North Williamstown Church of Christ 3/255 dec. (Elley 89 n.o., Hayes 36 n.o.) and 4/68 (Williams 35 n.o., Lawerson 22) d. Maid-

stone Church of Christ 195 (Boseley 67, A. Heath 65, Rushton 42, Lawerson 5/45, K. Neville 3/43) on the first innings.

Yarraville Pres. 256 and 8/169 (Smith 60, Huntington 50, Scheurer 5/60) d. Christ Church Newport 187 (Seers 85 n.o., Parsons 23, Day 5/24) on the first innings. Paisley-st. Baps. 4/178 dec. (D. Clements 45, Erm 34 n.o., Merry 33, Anderson 19 n.o., K. Clements 16) d. Williamstown Meths. 107 and 6/73 (Wallace 33, Evans 23) on the first innings.

C GRADE

Tottenham Baps. resumed its first innings against St. Eanswythe's at 2/31, still requiring 158 runs to avoid having to follow on.

Although the St. Eanswythe's bowlers tried hard they were let down by the fielders. Because of this bad fielding Tottenham managed to score 172, avoiding the follow on by two runs.

St. Eanswythe's then commenced its second innings which they used mainly as batting practice and at stumps had scored 7/138, with Ian Haskell top scoring 28 not out.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.: 249.

Kingsville Baps.—1st inns.:	
(Resumed at 2/31, D. Just 4 n.o., W. Brookshaw 10 n.o.)	
D. JUST, lbw, b Carton	48
BROOKSHAW, c. b Price	42
KIEFFER, b Holden	10
W. BROWN, c. b B. Garde	15
OLIVER, b Stephenson	9
WHITE, c. b B. Garde	6
A. BROWN, c. b Carton	15
STURGESS, hit wkt., b Price	4
ANTHONY, not out	0
Sundries (8nb)	8

TOTAL: 172

BOWLING: P. Carton 2/8, R. Price 2/12, B. Garde 2/26, J. Hoyden 1/21, P. Tyrell 1/28, G. Stephenson 1/32, I. Haskell 1/37.

St. Eanswythe's—2nd inns.:

B. GARDE, b McInnes	4
D. GARDE, c. b G. Just	4
PRICE, c. b Brookshaw	13
CARTON, c. b Brookshaw	27
HOLDEN, lbw, b Brookshaw	24
HASKELL, not out	28
WYNANDS, b McInnes	7
STEPHENSON, c. b Sturgess	9
MORTON, not out	6
Sundries (6b, 1lb, 9nb)	16

TOTAL: 7 wickets for 138
BOWLING: W. Brookshaw 3/22, McInnes 2/33, Rudolph 0/fWAR-McInnes 2/33, J. Sturgess 1/6, G. Just 0/6, J. Oliver 0/20, Clements 45, Erm 34 n.o., Merry 33, Anderson 19 n.o., K. Clements 16) d. Williamstown Meths. 107 and 6/73 (Wallace 33, Evans 23) on the first innings.

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 77 and 116 (Richardson 58, N. Manton 3/41, Comben 5/44) outright. Newport Baps. 150 d. All Saints Footscray 51 (Maynard 7/23) and 33 (Maynard 6/7, I. Douglass 3/19) outright.

JUNIORS — SOUTH SECTION

St. Eanswythe's Juniors gained their fourth outright win in five games when they defeated Altona Presbyterians by three wickets.

Altona Pres. resumed at 6/45 and added another 21 runs before being all out for 66. This left St. Eanswythe's 49 runs to get. However, they lost seven wickets while getting the runs, with G. Stephenson (22 n.o.) top scoring.

Altona Pres.—1st inns.: 23.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.: 0/41 dec.

Altona Pres.—2nd inns.:	
(Resumed at 6/45, P. Haysey 18 n.o., T. Bowes 0 n.o.)	
HAYSEY, b Stephenson	28
T. BOWES, b Stephenson	0
WILSON, not out	6
A. BOWES, b Stephenson	0
SWIFT, b Stephenson	2
Sundries (1b, 2nb)	3

TOTAL: 66

BOWLING: G. Stephenson 4/5, S. Chatfield 3/16, B. Grant 3/17, K. Stephenson 0/0, B. Garde 0/25. St. Eanswythe's—2nd inns.:

GRIEVE, b Wilson	0
NAUGHTON, c. b Wilson	1
WILSON, c. A. Bowes	1
K. STEPHENSON, run out	5
CHATFIELD, c. b Jensen	11
HARRISON, b Jensen	4
GRANT, b Hitchcock	0
G. STEPHENSON, not out	22
COURTOT, not out	1
Sundries (3b, 2nb)	5

TOTAL: 7 wickets for 50
BOWLING: A. Wilson 2/5, S. Jensen 2/20, D. Hitchcock 1/9, A. Bowes 1/11.

Christ Church Newport 1/111 dec. and 0/35 d. Electra-st. Meths. No. 2 30. and 112 (R. Scott 28, J. Scott 25, Perman 6/33) outright.

Electra-st. Meths. No. 1 4/183 dec. d. St. Stephen's North Williamstown 101 (Norman 35, Lawerson 29, Morlang 5/29) and 5/34 on the first innings.

North Williamstown Church of Christ 2/127 dec. (Hayes 73 n.o., Mathison 28, Hutchison 17 n.o.) d. John-st. Meths. 58 and 53 (Hayes 6/20, Hutchison 3/13) outright.

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About 60 people attended the inaugural meeting of the Aboriginal Advancement League at Laverton last week.

The meeting was shown a film significantly entitled "The Forgotten People," and an address was given by Mr. Stan Davey, director of the League.

The inauguration of the Laverton Aboriginal Advancement League and officers was a simple ceremony conducted by the president of the Western Suburbs, Mr. Vic Parsons, in which the following officers were installed: Chairman, Mr. B. Royes; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Royes; and Mr. W. Argyle, acting as Public Relations Officer.

Cr. B. F. Jackson accepted a patronship of the branch. The meeting ended with Mr. Parsons thanking Mr. Davey for his very interesting talk and then supper was served.

It may be interesting to know that the Aboriginals believed to have arrived here in Australia as far back as 31,000 years ago and were a race of wanderers till they finally settled down.

Some evidence of this was from tests made of some old bones found in the Keilor district in the 1940's. Since then fossilised remains and primitive tools have been found in a number of places giving the archaeologists a look into the pre-history of Australia, and the Aboriginals of that day.

"We have successfully destroyed the Aboriginal's culture and now we think we can pay them off by giving them a few miserly dollars and asking them to 'get lost,' hoping that by 'getting lost' we shall have cleansed our conscience, but this is not so," said Mr. Davey.

"We must not concern ourselves to look to the whole race, but to the children, we of Aboriginals. They do not want to 'get lost,' they are a part of our community and just because they regard family relations higher than goods and chattels they are supposed to be stupid."

"We cannot as yet work to a set formula in dealing with these unfortunate people, but have to take it piece by piece and present each case as it comes up. Everyone of us has a different problem and so have they, and since there are approximately 130,000 Aboriginals, out of these approximately 50,000 are full bloods, we cannot assume that all their problems are the same."

"It is not necessarily the fault of the white people. Some white people try to help by taking the Aboriginals into their homes, only to find that they do not respond to their help."

"It is not always the fault of the Aboriginals, it's just that neither party understands the other. This is not the dim dark past, it's very close to the present."

Only a few years ago a number of Aboriginals made camp very close to where I am now standing and the police were called, a number of shots were fired over their heads, some went low and two Aboriginals lay dying."

Mr. Davey went on to say that with the European "invasion" we looked upon the Aboriginals with their apparent ignorance of

cultivation, and sheep herding, and they looked upon us as an invader of their lands.

Their "land" was not as we know it, a piece of property, but it was a place of habitat, a place where they could live, eat, drink and hunt.

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Their objectives are nebulous, we do not know what to aim at, but we do know that they do not want handouts.

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The seven Aboriginal children who are coming to stay with 'foster parents' in Laverton are on Saturday, December 16. All due to arrive at Sunshine station League members are advised to see the secretary (Mrs. Royes) as soon as possible to get details.

TIDE TABLE

High and low tides at Williams-town are as follows—

December	HIGH		LOW	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
13 Wed.	11.16	—	5.07	6.13
14 Thurs.	12.37	12.01	6.16	7.16
15 Fri.	1.47	12.51	7.29	8.10
16 Sun.	2.52	1.37	8.32	8.57
17 Sun.	3.48	2.23	9.26	9.38
18 Mon.	4.38	3.07	10.14	10.15
19 Tues.	5.20	3.52	10.58	10.50
20 Wed.	5.58	4.35	11.38	11.34
21 Thurs.	6.30	5.18	—	12.15
22 Fri.	6.58	6.03	12.01	12.50
23 Sat.	7.24	6.50	12.38	1.23
24 Sun.	7.51	7.41	1.17	2.00
25 Mon.	8.22	8.37	2.00	2.41
26 Tues.	8.58	9.44	2.45	3.28
27 Wed.	9.40	11.02	3.34	4.25
28 Thurs.	10.29	—	4.33	5.32
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
29 Fri.	12.27	11.24	5.47	6.47
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
30 Sat.	1.51	12.22	7.10	7.57
31 Sun.	3.05	1.26	8.28	8.59

D.L.P. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. Sanders, of Maidstone-st., Altona, represented Altona as a delegate to the December 3 meeting of the Democratic Labor Party's Women's Central Organising Committee.

The meeting resolved to intensify efforts to obtain increases in pensions to a higher level.

Mr. Jack Little, recently elected to the Senate, addressed the delegates. He expressed gratitude to all concerned for the effort that resulted in his election hard work that went into the as a Victorian Senator.

NEW ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Victorian Road Safety Division of the National Safety Council of Australia is currently conducting a State-wide pre-Christmas/New Year campaign in an endeavour to reduce the high incidence of accidents, deaths and injuries which increase alarmingly during this period.

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CHARDS.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, John, who passed away Dec. 4, 1960. You have not passed away from us, just entered God's lovely garden and left the door ajar. Loving mother, father, sisters and brothers.—

ATSON.—In loving memory of mum, passed away Dec. 18, 1962. Always in our thoughts. Inserted by Elsie, Bill, Alan, Julie and Leanne.

TTLER.—In loving memory of dad, passed away Dec. 2, 1962. Always in our thoughts. Inserted by Bill, Elsie, Alan, Julie and Leanne.

GSLEY, John James, passed away Dec. 18, 1957. Loving memories forever with us. His wife Min, Alma and Jim and families.

RRIS, Margaret May.—In loving memory of a wonderful mum and nana, passed away Dec. 17, 1959. Memories are like leaves of gold. They never wither or grow old. Inserted by Peg, Bill, Dianne and Billy.

RRIS, Margaret May.—In loving memory of dearest mum and nana, called to rest Dec. 7, 1959. Time drifts by. But memories never die. Wally, Margaret, Kenneth and Susan.

THANKS

Senator-elect Jack Little and the committee of the Altona Branch wish to express thanks to those who worked towards the success of the L.P. in the recent Senate election.

SHIRE OF ALTONA

EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION — DEC. 16, 1967

Notice is hereby given that the following candidates have been duly nominated for the office of Councillor, for the term ending August, 1969—

HARRISON, Robert Frederick
WEAVER, Harry

As the number of candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected, a Poll will be taken for the election of one Councillor on Saturday, December 16, 1967, at the Polling Places situated at:—

- Brooklyn West Primary School, Blackshaws Road, Altona North.
- Primary School, Marion Street, Altona North.
- Primary School, Blyth Road, Seaholme.
- Primary School, Millers Road, Altona North.
- Altona North Technical School, Millers Road, Altona North.
- Kindergarten, 4 Somers Parade, Altona West.
- Primary School, Belmar Avenue, Altona West.

commencing at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and closing at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Voting at this election is compulsory. Postal voting provisions apply, i.e. applications may be made on an appropriate application form should the applicant be unable to vote according to reasons listed on the form, to the Returning Officer, for issue of Postal Vote forms which must be marked and returned before the close of the Poll.

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FIRING PRACTICES—WILLIAMSTOWN RIFLE AREA

The PUBLIC is hereby warned that FIRING PRACTICES with rifle, machine gun, machine carbine and pistol may be carried out between 0730 hours and 1900 hours daily in the WILLIAMSTOWN RIFLE RANGE area during the month of DECEMBER, 1967.

DEFINED AREA

All the land of the WILLIAMSTOWN area known as the WILLIAMSTOWN (or MERRETT) RIFLE RANGE: that is to say all that land SOUTH of KOROROIT CREEK ROAD enclosed between the junction of KOROROIT CREEK with the EASTERN boundary line of MADDOX STREET; thence in a NORTHERLY direction to the corner of MADDOX STREET and KOROROIT CREEK ROAD with the property of the Victorian State EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; thence in a SOUTHERLY direction along this boundary and the boundaries of housing estates; thence again in an EASTERLY direction for 259 yards to the boundary fence of the Girls' School; thence again in a SOUTHERLY direction to the PORT PHILLIP BAY FORESHORE; thence in a WEST and NORTH WESTERLY direction along the FORESHORE to the junction of KOROROIT CREEK with the EASTERN boundary line of MADDOX STREET before mentioned; and for a distance of 3200 yards SOUTH into PORT PHILLIP BAY) throughout the length of this FORESHORE widening to a length of 3800 yards at its SOUTHERN extremity.

ENTRY INTO THE AREA
Members of the public seeking entry into the range proper in the course of business must first make application to the Range Superintendent (telephone 397-6027). Entry for any other reason is forbidden.

Members of the public are warned against entry into the danger area of PORT PHILLIP BAY whenever firing practices are being conducted. **FLYING OF DANGER FLAGS**

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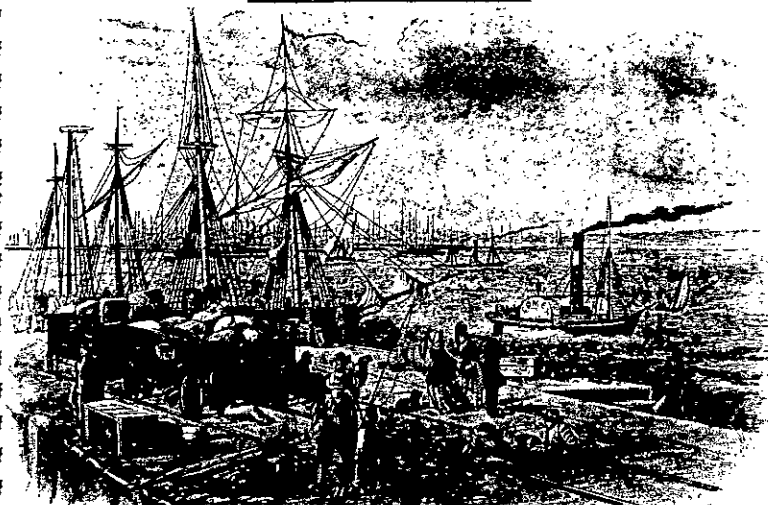
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Victoria was taking in an average of 250 migrants daily. It was a bustling scene. People were departing for the gold fields. Diggers were arriving back from the diggings with money. Lots of money. Shops and public houses flourished. Melbourne business houses were having a ball.

Wool too, was pouring into Melbourne. Gold. Wool, and land. One would seldom hear a single sentence on any other topic. The new arrival stared in amazement.

All nations represented the street scene. Chinese with pigtailed jogged shoulder to shoulder with bell topped gents, aboriginals with only a blanket draped around them were accompanied by hordes of flies. A million stories are told about those stirring and colourful times.

With all the wealth there were still the poor. They lived on the outskirts where the roads petered out into the scrub.

Progress was being made. One could not but marvel at the changing scene. The mud and mire was still a problem on the outskirts. The town itself was enjoying roads and footpaths laid with millions of redgum blocks. Some still exist today. Carriages with coachmen in livery were becoming more common than the bullock wagons. Gas lights, reticulated water from the Yan Yans.

Telegraphs connected Sydney to Melbourne. New buildings took the place of the slab and bark humpy. Churches, banks and office buildings with their marbled fronts made an impressive change. Horse bazaars, livery stable, and carriage builders had their premises in Bourke and Collins Streets.

Yes, Melbourne had arrived. On every side land was being subdivided. St. Kilda, Brighton, Toorak and Carlton were the fashionable suburbs. The first train ran from St. Kilda to the city. Horse trams ran their regular schedule. Melbourne was becoming a gay, prosperous town.

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